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Public Hearing June 3rd...

Power Plant Back Again Before Council

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Supporters of the plan to build an electric generating plant in the industrial park on Moylan Lane have gathered enough signatures to force the Town Council to hold a public hearing and vote on the tax treaty negotiated by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and Berkshire Power.

Two weeks ago, a petition filed by Susan Petazzoni requesting "a public hearing and vote on the proposed payment in lieu-of-taxes agreement by June 3, 1996" was certified as having the signatures of 50 registered voters.

At the May 20th Town Council meeting, Council President Nancy Thompson set the public hearing date for June 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

Earlier this month, the council refused to even consider Johnson's proposed tax treaty by a vote of 6-3.

In the final moments of the Monday, May 6th meeting, Councilor Thomas Ennis proposed taking the item off the agenda as long as there is a court case pending in the wake of the Zoning Board of Appeals' refusal to grant a permit for the power plant. Joining Ennis in voting to drop consideration of the proposal were Councilors Gary Suffriti, David Skolnick, Edward Caba, Joseph Langone, and Dennis Perry.

Voting against were Council President Nancy Thompson and Councilors Kent Servis and Christian Quatrone. Council Vice-President Jill Simpson abstained, and Councilor George Bitzas was absent.

According to Johnson, the payment in-lieu-of-taxes is a case of certainty vs. uncertainty as the amount of revenue the town would receive would be fixed and not subject to exemptions, abatements, or reductions based on the depreciation of personal property.

If the council approves the contract before June 3rd, Berkshire Power will make general payments to the town of \$900,000 a year (escalating at three percent each year) and an increase of an additional \$100,000 in the fifth year of the agreement, also escalating three percent per year.

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'Every Child Counts' Self-Esteem Seminar

"Every Child Counts," a child self-esteem seminar, is being conducted by the well-known director of the New England Stress Institute, Dr. Steven Sobel, on Saturday, June 8th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

This upbeat and supportive seminar still has spaces available. Call Dr. Sobel at 785-1259 for more information. This event is being co-sponsored by The Agawam Advertiser News.

— The Darcy Davis Opus!!! —



FORMER AGAWAM HIGH MUSIC DIRECTOR Darcy B. Davis was recently honored by the Mayor and Band Parents' Association at the Annual Band Time Concert at the High School. The AHS Band Room was dedicated in his name and the Band Parents presented Davis with a plaque recognizing his many years of dedication to the music program. Davis came out of retirement last year to temporarily direct the AHS Music Program. **IN PHOTO LEFT**, Davis conducts the school orchestra; **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, Superintendent of Schools Bernard Ryder congratulates Davis for all his contributions to the school system over the years. **RELATED PHOTO IN EDUCATION SECTION.** Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Four New Teachers Included...

Revised School Budget Passed Unanimously

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At Tuesday night's meeting, the School Committee gave unanimous approval to a revised \$18.7 million School Budget and to a new discipline code for the High School.

The bottom line figure of the revised budget is the same as the budget tentatively agreed upon by the committee last month, but the new spending plan includes four new teachers, as well as increased funding for computers, professional development, and a reserve account for materials and supplies.

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson said the school department was ending the year with a projected excess of \$197,000 available to be reappropriated by the School Committee, and an additional excess of \$110,000 in the transportation account resulting from the awarding of a new five-year bus contract.

The savings in the transportation account will pay the salaries of an English as a Second Language teacher for the Middle and Junior High

3 Finalists Chosen...

New School Chief Will Come From Outside Of Town

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

No local candidates made the final cut in Tuesday night's selection of a field of three finalists in the search for Agawam's next superintendent of schools.

Included among the 12 semifinalists interviewed by the School Committee were Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest, Special Education Director John Brosnan, and Granger School Principal Phyllis Lewis.

Of the three local candidates, only Mrs. Lewis survived the first two rounds of balloting. On the third vote, Vincent F. Simone, an educational consultant who formerly served as the superintendent in Bellmore, New York, was selected as the final candidate.

Carl A. Ostrowski, principal of Westfield High School, and Frank A. Ameruso, superintendent in California, Pennsylvania, were chosen on the first ballot.

School Committee members Linda Galarneau and Teresa Kozloski said they were pleased with

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Schools, a Junior High English teacher, a High School English teacher, and a High School social studies teacher.

Eliminating transportation for Camp Rainbow will provide additional funding for the creation of the position of director of Curriculum and Professional Development, as well as funding for clerical support and teachers working on special projects during the summer.

Johnson said the transportation for Camp Rainbow was being eliminated because it is potentially discriminatory for the town to provide summer camp transportation to handicapped children while not providing it for non-handicapped children.

"Money is tight enough," Johnson said. "It should be going for items required by Individual Education Plans, not for summer camp."

"I'm pleased and proud to say that Special Services has no projected deficit at all. Dr. Brosnan

and his staff have done a great job in bringing programs back to the district and introducing the integrated classes that saved us a lot of money," Johnson said.

Where The Excess Funding Came From...

The excess funding (\$197,000) projected from this year's School Budget results from savings in rescheduling crossing guards, savings in teacher salaries due to retirement and a long-term sub situation, savings in sick time buyback and fewer retirements, savings on staffing for the Early Childhood Program, savings on out-of-district vocational tuition, and savings from a lower cost of living raise than anticipated in the teachers' contract.

The excess will be used for textbooks (\$55,400) and computers (\$41,600) that had been included in next year's budget.

The remaining \$100,000 will be used to fund the first year of the three-year computer technology plan developed by Russell Ramah.

"This will allow Mr. Ramah to prepare the bid

specs today and have the computers on the desks in September," Johnson said.

Johnson said he expected the Town Budget would include funds for the second year of the School Department's technology plan, but there were no guarantees on funding for the third year.

In prior years, overruns in the Special Education and transportation budget have resulted in a freeze on spending for materials and supply accounts, but all the money budgeted for materials and supplies was spent on materials and supplies, Johnson said.

In other action, the committee accepted an amended version of the new discipline code submitted by AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski last month.

Johnson said the wording of one paragraph was changed to give the principal more flexibility to review a student's disciplinary record and consider all the facts and circumstances surrounding a situation before taking appropriate disciplinary action.

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the field of candidates, but member Rosemary Sandlin was disappointed.

"I was hoping for Phyllis Lewis," Mrs. Sandlin said. "I think she was the best candidate for the job."

Mrs. Galarneau said the final three had been her choices.

Mrs. Kozloski said, "I think we have three good candidates. It's going to be somewhat difficult (choosing among them). I'm sure they all have their own particular strengths and weaknesses, and that's why it's so important we have the site visits."

On-The-Job Site Visits Next Week...

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson said he would make arrangements for School Committee members to

make on-the-job site visits next week. Johnson said he would randomly choose three School Committee volunteers for the site visits.

Johnson said more than three School Committee members going on a site visit would constitute a meeting that would have to be posted under the open meeting law.

Mrs. Kozloski suggested a written report be prepared on the findings of each site visit to update the rest of the committee.

"If there are going on the visit, there has to be a way to get back to the committee on what we found. Last time we didn't do it at all," Mrs. Kozloski said.

Johnson suggested a workshop meeting could be held for the committee to discuss the site visits, but no date was set.

In response to a concern raised by Mrs. Sandlin,

Johnson said he would be happy to have his staff check the references and credentials of the three finalists.

When Mrs. Kozloski suggested that the candidates' performance in prior jobs be checked, Johnson replied, "Any School Committee member can call any school district at any time."

Two of the finalists will be interviewed on June 10th at 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. The final candidate interview will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 11th immediately preceding the regular School Committee meeting. The interviews will be conducted in the Middle School auditorium and broadcast over cable access Channel 5.

A workshop meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4th, in the superintendent's conference room to set the format for the final interviews.

The School Committee will choose the next superintendent at their June 18th meeting.

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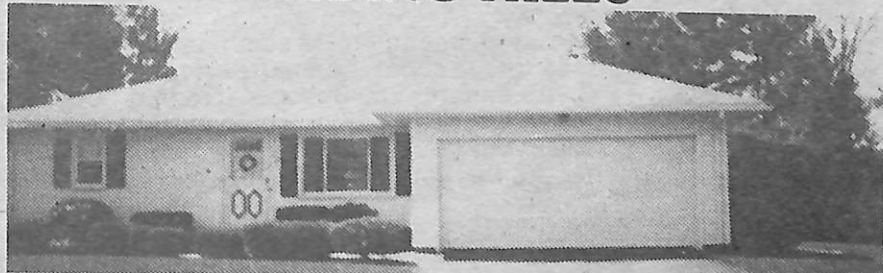
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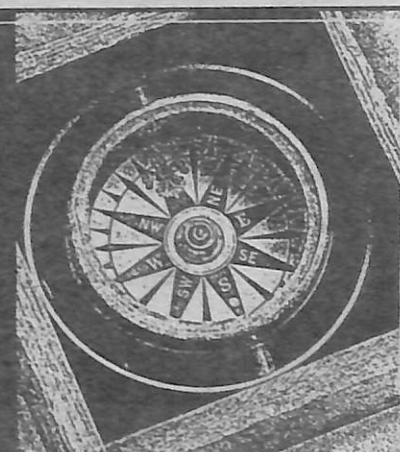
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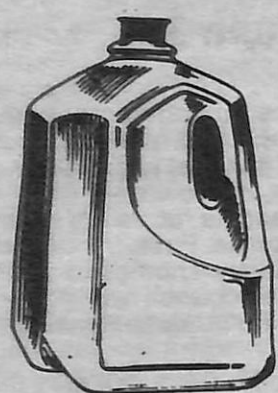
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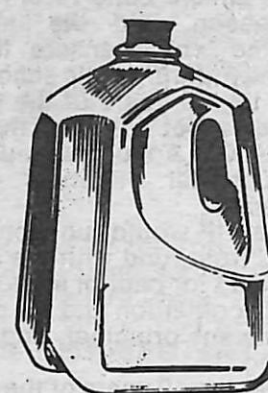


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Additionally, Berkshire Power will make annual community payments to the town of \$200,000 (escalating three percent per year). A Berkshire Community Fund Committee will be appointed to administer the funds for educational projects. The committee would be comprised of two representatives appointed by the school superintendent and approved by the School Committee; three representatives appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Town Council; a representative designated by Berkshire Power and the town's treasurer/collector.

During the construction phase of the project, Berkshire will make general payments to the town of \$275,000 per year, providing greater revenue than traditional taxation.

Under the terms of the in-lieu-of-tax plan, 65 percent of the annual general payments will be available for the town's general fund; 10 percent will automatically be appropriated to the Instructional Materials Trust Fund (IMTF); and the remaining 25 percent will be automatically appropriated to a newly created Capitol Improvement Fund (CIF).

"... Ensure Long-Term Financial Stability ..."
Johnson said the mandated appropriation scheme would ensure the long-term financial stability of the public schools and the community. Over the 40 years of the agreement, \$8.5 million would be set aside for the IMTF generating over \$460,000 in annual revenue stream to support the instructional materials needs of the school system.

The CIF would function similarly to the educational trust fund with the income on the principal available for capitol improvement projects, equipment acquisition and the payment of temporary or permanent principal, and interest costs for borrowing.

Over the 40 years of the agreement, the balance in the CIF will be over \$21.3 million generating over \$1.51 million in annual revenue providing for the capitol needs of the town and the school system.

The agreement includes protections for the town in the event that Berkshire Power is delinquent in making any payments due and insures that the agreement will run with the land binding any future owners to the facility.

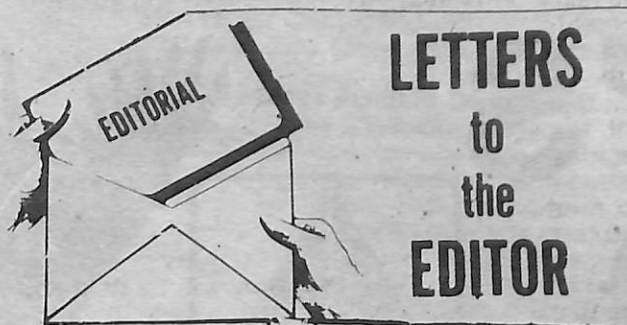
Also, if current legislation pending as part of the deregulation of the electric industry is enacted into law, Berkshire Power agrees to make low-cost power for sale to Agawam, thereby reducing the electric bills of businesses and homeowners.

As part of its commitment to the community, Berkshire Power agrees to require its employees to participate in community educational support programs for the schools; support local civic and charitable organizations; hold an Annual Tree Day on Earth Day; sponsor a golf tournament to benefit Agawam High School athletics; provide hiring preference for qualified town residents; and construct a lighted athletic field on the portion of their property.

To ensure that the town is not left with a vacant plant or a potential hazardous waste site when operation of the plant ceases, Berkshire Power will be obliged to post a bond or letter of credit sufficient, in the town's opinion, to bring the property into full compliance with the existing ordinances of the town and applicable state and federal environmental statutes. The bond is to be posted in the 20th year of the plant's operation.

If Berkshire were to be taxed as a manufacturing corporation, they would pay about \$284,000 in taxes per year.

It has been widely speculated that some councilors opposed to the item being back on the agenda may attempt to charter object the vote if it is deemed that six councilors may be in favor of the pact with the utility.

**"M*A*S*H" Was A Smashing Success At Agawam High**

To The Editor:

On Thursday, May 16th, I attended the Agawam High School's theatre production of "M*A*S*H" before a near-capacity crowd. I was fortunate to get an up-close (second row) seat so I could easily see every student I know. The play was undoubtedly the best high school production I have ever witnessed by far.

Agawam High School faculty member and theater director Margo Poulin is to be highly commended. The entire stage of superior actors and actresses enthralled the audience and portrayed their characters without a hitch.

Directing such a large ensemble of busy, talented students was an immense undertaking. Mrs. Poulin also enlisted help from Mr. Ramah's computers, Mr. Collins' graphic arts class, and Mr. Dorazio's wood class.

Students also supported the play behind the scenes by directing, running the lights, handling computerized sound effects and techniques, collecting tickets, and handing out programs.

Agawam High School students, parents, faculty, administrators, and the Town of Agawam are very fortunate to have Mrs. Poulin on board. I wish everyone could have been there. All those in attendance were wonderfully entertained.

Congratulations to all involved.

Sincerely,
Janet A. Rousseau
Feeding Hills

Early Childhood Center Is Thankful For Donation

To The Editor:

The Agawam Early Childhood Center would like to thank the Agawam Police Association for its generous donation of two bicycle helmets that will be used at the Center.

The helmets are greatly appreciated by all.

Thank you,
The Agawam Early Childhood Staff

Spring Sports Are Something To Be Proud Of In Agawam

To The Editor:

Congratulations to all of the "Agawam High School" sports teams, the boys', the girls', and the coaches this spring season. No matter what the standings were, as long as you did your best and had great sportsmanship is what really matters!

Congratulations to all of the "Agawam Soccer Association" boys', girls', suburban and in-town teams, and the coaches for a fantastic season!

Very truly yours,
Clyde E.P. Benton
Feeding Hills

Aguinaga Family Expresses Gratitude For Support

To The Editor:

On May 17th, our son Isidro (Seege) was admitted to Baystate Medical Center after a severe bike accident. He suffered a concussion, broken ankle, fractured shoulder, and several lacerations to the face.

During his stay at the hospital and recuperation at home, he received overwhelming support from friends, classmates, teachers, and members of the community.

An astonishing display of visitors, cards, letters, balloons, and several banners signed by the students of Agawam Junior High School have contributed to a much-needed, speedy recovery.

We, as well as Isidro, wish to thank everyone who expressed their kindness and support.

Thank you,
The Aguinaga family
Agawam

True Character Of Council Will Be Tested June 3rd

To The Editor:

On Monday, June 3rd, the true character of our city council will be put to the test. Will the councilors operate on their own political agenda or will they consider the needs of this town?

If the needs of the town and its future are important, two decisions will be made. First, the council will again vote to retain Nancy Thompson as its president and secondly, the council will vote to accept the "in lieu of tax" agreement with Berkshire Power.

On the first issue, Councilor Perry will play the essential role. Since the other councilors will not change their vote, it is up to Dennis Perry to stand firm and again vote no. As he stated after his first no vote, the good of the town required him to vote this way. Nothing has changed. The town needs his "no vote" a second time. Family pressure aside, Councilor Perry must stand on his own and put a stop to this attempt to remove a true leader from the position of president.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Saturday, June 1st
Car Wash & Tag Sale
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At Agawam Senior Center
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Saturday, June 1st
22nd Annual Arts & Crafts Festival
sponsored by the
Agawam Junior Women's Club
At Captain Charles Leonard House,
663 Main Street, Agawam
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 1st
Agawam Historical Association's
3rd Annual House & Garden Tour
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Ticket booklets (\$8) are on sale at the
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Center, and E. Cecchi Farm

Tuesday, June 4th
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Has President Thompson made a few mistakes? Who hasn't? Which of the five know more of parliamentary procedure than she does? Which of the five can control the other four as President Thompson has tried to do? They make objections, etc., based on their "political agenda" and not in the best interest of the town. Why else would one councilor threaten to close down council business indefinitely? Please contact Councilor Perry and ask again for his "no vote."

The second issue is just as essential to the future of this town. If Berkshire Power wins its court case and is allowed to build in our town, then we need an agreement to protect our rights. The "in lieu of tax" agreement will do just that and give us additional revenue at the same time. The town needs your support on both issues. Please plan to attend the meeting on June 3rd. We must fill the Middle School to show the councilors that we want them to vote to retain President Thompson and to vote yes on the "in lieu of tax" agreement.

They must follow the "will of the voters." We can no longer remain silent and let some of them destroy the reputation and future of this "City known as the Town of Agawam."

Frank Meagher
Feeding Hills

It's Important For Residents To Attend Next Council Mtg.

To The Editor:

I would like to encourage the residents of Agawam to attend the council meeting on June 3, 1996 at the Agawam Middle School at 7:30 p.m. There will be a public hearing on the Berkshire Power in-lieu-of-tax proposal.

The proposal that has been presented to the Council by the Mayor is very important to the stability of our town. The increase in revenue the proposal provides will secure our community with quality schools and exceptional town services. The town will also benefit with lighted athletic fields and other provisions that go beyond the dollars that the town will be receiving.

There are also many safeguards that we would not be able to have without this in-lieu-of-tax agreement. I was very impressed with the degree of effort put into this proposal, especially because it will protect the town in the future.

Again, I urge ALL the residents to speak out on

this issue. This hearing is not about if you support Berkshire Power or you do not support Berkshire Power. This is about getting the most revenues with the best conditions for the town from Berkshire Power.

If the Council shirks their responsibility and decides not to vote on the proposal, the town will lose. Berkshire Power will be told that Agawam does not want over one-million dollars per year, and instead they will only have to pay \$285,000.

Every resident should be at Monday's meeting to let the Council know that they will be held accountable for their action, or in this case, their inaction.

Sincerely,
Gary Arnold
Feeding Hills

BP Power Plant Does Not Conform To The Zoning Laws

To The Editor:

Over the last few weeks, the continuation of misinformation by Berkshire Power Director of Development, Ken Roberts, has been repeatedly spread throughout our community. In particular, he states that the State Energy Facilities Siting Board would "overturn or override" the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals's denial for a Special Permit which upheld the Zoning Laws of Agawam.

Berkshire Power could not meet the requirements of our zoning laws and is without foundation and, in fact, the override at this time WILL NOT HAPPEN.

Through a carefully designed scheme that is focused to purposely make us believe we will get the power plant, like it or not, and that we should just concede and go along with their wishes. It is pointed at our city council to vote to accept their in-lieu-of-tax agreement. In essence, to roll over and play dead.

The CCBA requested and reviewed from the State Energy Facilities Siting Board a response to our request on their override authority on local zoning. This was most revealing and we will share these facts with you.

1. The EFSB has never issued a zoning exemption petition for a power plant. (Certificate of Environment Impact and Public Need.)

2. There is a question if an independent power producer qualifies as a "public service corporation" under G.L. c. 40A, sec 3, and it appears that they are not covered under this law.

3. There are many procedural questions to the "initial petition" or "application" itself and, in

fact, what the application would look like and what forms, tables, or attachments would be required. Remember, this has never been done before for a power plant.

4. The application attachments would include a full record of the proceedings before the agency whose decision(s) provide the grounds for the petition.

5. If the agency is a local agency, documentation that all appeals to a state agency provided by statute have been exhausted. (Court case and appeals).

6. If the application is applied for, a public hearing must take place with all parties. This can only take place after number 5 above is completed.

7. Berkshire Power has not filed for the initial petition as of this date, and will be unable to do so as long as the court case and appeals process is taking place.

Remember this one very important fact — THE POWER PLANT CAN NOT BE BUILT IN AGAWAM BECAUSE IT DOESN'T COMFORM TO OUR ZONING LAWS.

Remember, we the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam have always searched for the truth, and when found, have shared ALL the facts with our fellow citizens unlike Berkshire Power and their representatives.

Karl H. Stieg
Agawam

It's Time For Our Council To Stand Up To "Outsiders"

To The Editor:

A few weeks ago, I stood before the Town Council and urged that we agree upon some sort of moratorium in regard to Berkshire Power discussions. I am deeply troubled by the fact that this town seems to be in the midst of a "civil war" because of this issue.

This civil war has poisoned all aspects of community life. So much energy and emotion has been tied up in this discussion that we have lost sight of some of the other critical issues facing our town.

The mayor and Berkshire Power have now chosen to ignore my request. After more than 18 months of talking about this PILOT (deal), they have now insisted that the matter must be dealt with NOW! They have even gone so far as to include, what some might consider, a bribe to induce the council to act hastily? WHY?

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The Berkshire Power matter is now in court. The official position of the Town of Agawam is that the Zoning Board of Appeals rejected BP's request for a special permit, ergo, Berkshire Power cannot build here! Berkshire Power has sued the town in hopes of getting that ruling overturned. No resolution of that issue can be expected before autumn, and probably much later.

To insist on going forward with important decisions now is totally inappropriate. It may be in Berkshire Power's best interest to get this deal done as quickly as possible, but it is certainly not in the best interest of the town of Agawam. The process is ongoing and the council should respect that process and stay out of the way until the appropriate time.

We should not have one town entity making deals with these carpetbaggers while our town attorney is arguing in court that they cannot build here. To date, Berkshire Power has failed to get the approval of the Energy Facilities Siting Board or the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals.

While the EFSB will probably grant some form of approval in the next few weeks, the ZBA matter will not be resolved for many months. I suggest that the only appropriate course of action for our town council is to table the Berkshire Power proposal until all permitting matters are resolved.

If Berkshire Power is inconvenienced by this delay, so be it. If they are unwilling to keep the offer of an extra \$200,000 on the table until the permitting process is complete, then we should all seriously question their motives and intentions for offering such an "incentive."

It took more than 18 months for the mayor and Berkshire Power to agree on this deal; it is not too much to ask that the other elected representatives of this community be given plenty of time to review and act upon it. The council should not be lured into acting hastily or inappropriately in this matter.

It is time for the council to stand up to these outsiders and to refuse to be forced into any action they may come to regret. The town should say in no uncertain terms that we'd be glad to consider Berkshire Power's proposal. We'd be glad to take their money! But we will only consider it after the permitting process is complete.

In the meantime, it would be nice to see the council act to help our troubled schools, our decaying sidewalks, and our muddy golf course!

Frank Lawlor
Agawam

Council President Controversy Doesn't Settle Town Business

To The Editor:

It is perfectly obvious several councilors are using harassing attacks on the president of the Council to satisfy personal feelings against the mayor of Agawam. The other councilors involved are cooperating with them, thinking they are on

the right team, and they are not.

I say to heck with parliamentary procedure in this case, and get on with the more important business at hand. Personal attacks do not settle town business; that's what you all are there for.

Howard Smith
Feeding Hills

Councilor Criticized About Council President Issue

To The Editor: To Mr. Blitzas:

When I called you asking if Nancy Thompson should step down from the chair, you said she makes a lot of mistakes and does NOT listen to you when you correct her.

You also said you would NOT vote for her the next time. Why then, did you ask the rest of the council why they want her to step down? You know why.

I think you talk from both sides of your mouth, so you will never get my vote again.

Ernestine Book
Agawam

Town Govt. Is Turning Our Town Into A Laughing Stock

To The Editor:

It is becoming painfully apparent that our town government is turning the Town of Agawam into the laughing stock of Western Massachusetts. Rampant self-interest and self-aggrandizement on the part of the Mayor and several town councilors appear to have taken precedence over public service and representation of the citizens.

The behavior displayed at town meetings by town officials has been reprehensible. In addition, the Mayor and those town councilors allied with him apparently do not feel answerable to Agawam's citizens. Evidently our town government is not working as it should, in OUR interests and in OUR service.

In view of this, I propose again that we do away with the mayoral form of government, which has not benefited us, and return to a representative town meeting form of government. A paid town manager can again be utilized to run day-to-day operations, with the advantage of our being able to fire him or her in the event of any performance problems.

Also, I propose that we limit the number of town councilors, as the increase to 11 has not improved the conduct of town business. Seven councilors, equal to the number of town precincts, should be sufficient. Possibly, those seven councilors could be assigned to or elected from the town precincts to make them more responsive to the voters.

Above all, term limits should be put in place. With the size of Agawam's population, there is no need for ANYONE to serve more than two terms

per lifetime in Agawam public office. Such a limit will also assist in breaking up the political cliques which have been doing nothing for Agawam. So far, "experience" does not seem to be an advantage in getting the town's business done.

Once again, those individuals currently in town office must be reminded that making proclamations and getting their pictures in the newspaper or on television is NOT public service. Their jobs are to do OUR business, for US!

Sincerely,
Rob Keenan
Agawam

Arrogance Of Power Most Apparent On Power Plant

To The Editor:

Only in Agawam would this happen! Think! A company, strongly supported by our Mayor and his followers, attempts to upset our building code and construct a large project whereby over 70 percent of its buildings would EXCEED OUR BUILDING CODE.

The company, now recognized as Berkshire Power, attempted to obtain support from Agawam's Board of Appeals. They needed this approval because what they want to construct *does not comply with our building code*. The process took place and the Board of Appeals "denied the permit." Case closed? Not in Agawam!

This company who "claims" they want to be a good neighbor and would never build when not wanted, has now sued the town and taken us to court. Enough! There is more ... much more!

A group has now been formed to join those who have taken us to court spearheaded by a strong supporter of Mayor Johnson, Ms. McGeoghan (now on Berkshire Power's payroll). Also, a former Councilor, Vivian Dziardziel, another strong Johnson supporter, has returned to the limelight to be the spokesperson for Ms. McGeoghan and Mayor Johnson and is lending strong support to this power plant company who has taken us to court. All of this activity in the name of "We are concerned about business in Agawam."

I'd like to ask a simple question. Who in Agawam doesn't want good "quality" business to locate here? I can't think of a single person in this town who hasn't supported a legitimate business proposal good for the town. So what is the problem and need for this group?

The problem is also simple to understand. This business is not in the best interest of Agawam. It has polarized our Town like we have never seen before. We put a major highway directly through Agawam (Route 57) and it didn't even scratch the surface of controversy this project is causing. So that leads me to believe the Board of Appeals was right in their denial of the permit.

SEE LETTERS - continued to Page 7...

Agawam Gets Transit Funds

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce the Chapter 90 monies for Agawam and Southwick over the next two years. The Chapter 90 funds were approved by the House last week after a partial transportation bond was reported by the House-Senate Conference Committee. The funds are expected to receive a final passage shortly.

Under this appropriation, the Town of Agawam will receive a total of \$1,034,624 or \$517,312 this year, and the Town of Southwick is slated to received \$524,786 over the next two years, with \$262,393 this year. The funds will be used to maintain and repair local streets, roads, and bridges.

"These bridges are an important source of revenue that will allow the cities and towns to maintain their local road systems," stated Rep. Keenan. "Chapter 90 funding is part of the Legislature's commitment to improving our transportation infrastructure."



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LETTERS - from Page 6...

We have one of the nicest Industrial Parks in Western Mass. The current businesses who have chosen Agawam to locate have *all* complied with our zoning. They add significant tax dollars, but as important have complied with attractive buildings and all in concert with each other.

Our first consideration should be to them, protect their investments, just because they are already here. DON'T TURN YOUR BACKS ON THEM.

This proposed "POWER PLANT" will stand out like a sore thumb. It will set the worst precedent imaginable and send a terrible message to current Agawam businesses, never mind destroy our "small-town character." The small town character our Mayor promised to keep!

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing this coming Monday. The proper vote should be "NO." The council should strongly support our Board of Appeals decision and not sell themselves or our Town for any amount.

They took an oath of office and should uphold that oath to support our Board of Appeals. You and the Mayor all "claim" you want to maintain "our small-town character."

How is this monster going to do that? The C.A.T. group is either misinformed or, in fact, is showing "arrogance of power."

One final question? Are you really concerned for our Town or is MONEY your real concern?

Donald M. Rheault
Feeding Hills

Road Improvements In Feeding Hills Along Busy Rte. 187 Corridor

The Town of Agawam has engaged the consulting firm of Vanasse, Hangen, Brustlin to design roadway improvements for South Westfield and North Westfield Streets (Route 187).

The improvements will start at the intersection of South Westfield Street and Pine Street, extend from there to 397 South Westfield Street (near the Rt. 57 ramp), where it will join the recently completed improvements extending to Springfield Street.

The proposed improvements will continue in North Westfield Street from Springfield Street to the Westfield City Line.

The design is in the preliminary phase and public informational meetings are planned to obtain input from the public while displaying preliminary plans. Three meetings are planned and each will be programmed to discuss different sections of the overall project.

These meetings are intended to inform the project's abutters but the public is invited. The Consultants and public officials will be present to answer questions.

Meeting Schedule

Pine St. to North St.: June 5, 1996, 7:00 p.m., Granger School cafeteria, 43 South Westfield St.; **North St. to May Hollow pump station:** June 6, 1996, 7:00 p.m., Granger School cafeteria, 43 South Westfield St.; **May Hollow pump station to town line:** June 7, 1996, 7:00 p.m., Granger School cafeteria, 43 South Westfield St.

Agawam Obituaries

John J. Pino

John J. Pino, 73, of 60 Liberty Street, Feeding Hills, the owner and operator of the former Pino T.V. Sales & Repair Co., died in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center.

He retired in 1988.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Feeding Hills for 45 years. He was a communicant and usher at St. Thomas's Church.

His wife, the former Edna M. Gazur, died in 1994.

He leaves two sisters, Carmella Caracciolo of Springfield and Nancy Garneau of Longmeadow, and nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in the parish cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Spleen Street, Framingham, MA 01761-4680, or the American Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Robert H. Gaynor

Robert H. Gaynor, 64, of 444 Cooper Street, Agawam, an 11-year tractor trailer driver for Pennsylvania Truck Lines in West Springfield, died in Baystate Medical Center.

Previously, he was employed for more than 22 years by H.P. Hood Company in Agawam.

Born in Fairfield, Vermont, he lived in Agawam for many years.

He was a former member of the Agawam Lions Club and the former Knights of Columbus. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves five sons, Steven R., Dennis J., Timothy P., all of Agawam, Jeffrey A. of Russell, and Robert D. of Otis; a brother, Patrick of North Hadley; three sisters, Carolyn Bosoni and Beverly Donahue, both of Springfield, and Mary Moore of West Springfield; four grandchildren; and his former wife, Marilyn A. (Boussy) Taylor.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Olin Root

Olin Root, 93, of 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, a retired salesman for Ohio Rubber Co., died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he spent several years in Florida, and was an elder of the Jehovah's Witnesses' Vero Beach North Congregation for several years.

He moved to the Springfield area two months ago.

He leaves his wife, the former Evelyn A. Pope; two sons, Richard of Auburn, Florida, and James of Fairview, Ohio; a daughter, Sally Kinane of

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Lakeland, Florida; a stepson, Henry Fuss of Springfield; a stepdaughter, Diane Hanson of Seattle, Washington; and 12 grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted at the Wilbraham Road Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. Henderson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

William M. Delaney

William M. ("Cracker") Delaney, 70, of 3f Mansion Woods Drive, Agawam, a 37-year letter carrier for the West Springfield Post Office, died at home.

He retired in 1981.

Born in West Springfield, he was a graduate of West Springfield High School, and lived in that town before moving to Agawam three years ago.

He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II, and a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

He belonged to the National Association of Letter Carriers and the West Side Knights of Columbus.

He was in the Wyckoff Country Club in Holyoke, founded the Breakfast Club at the Scoreboard Restaurant in Agawam, and played in the YMCA basketball and baseball leagues. He also played in several other area baseball leagues.

He leaves his wife of 51 years, the former Jean D. Andrews; a son, Michael M. of Agawam; a daughter, Margaret A. McGrady of West Springfield; and six grandchildren.

His son, William J. Delaney, died in 1983.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the West Springfield Basketball Boosters Club, in care of Elaine DeCarlo, 69 Almon Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089.

David L. Dean

David L. Dean, 49, of 1178 Suffield Street, Agawam, a 15-year foreman at Mutual Precision Machine Shop in West Springfield, died at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Leeds.

He worked previously at Oxford Precision in West Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he was a longtime resident of Feeding Hills. He graduated from Agawam High School in 1964.

He was a Vietnam War Army veteran and served from 1969 to 1971. He received several commendations, including: the Distinguished Flying Cross, Vietnam Service Medal, and Army Commendation Medal.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. He was in the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and the machinists' union.

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OBITUARIES - from Page 7...

He leaves his wife, the former Carol A. Cooley; his mother, Rose L. (Greene) Dean of Agawam; two brothers, John P. of Warwick, Rhode Island, and Michael T. of Feeding Hills; and a sister, Debra Cremonti of East Longmeadow.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial at Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Northampton VA Medical Center, care of Thelma Parsons, Ward D-Hospice, 498 North Main Street, Florence, MA 01060.

Richard Fleury

Richard R. Fleury, 47, of 65 Kellogg Avenue, Feeding Hills, a retired Springfield police detective, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a Springfield policeman and detective for 17 years, and retired in 1990.

Born in Springfield, he moved to Feeding Hills later. He was a member of the Massachusetts Police Officers Association.

He leaves his wife, the former Mary E. Woods; a son, Kevin R., and daughter, Elizabeth E. Fleury, at home; his mother, Gertrude A. (Lester) Fleury of Springfield; seven brothers, Robert of Tolland, Connecticut, David of Margate, Florida, Douglas of Coral Gables, Florida, and Kenneth, Donald, Peter, and Ray of Springfield; and a sister, Imelde Rivard of Springfield.

The funeral was held at Sampson Chapel of the Acres Funeral Homes, with burial in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to an education fund for the decedent's children, in care of his wife, at 65 Kellogg Avenue, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, or the BMC Palliative Care Unit, Development Office, P.O. Box 1169, Springfield, MA 01101-9912.

Nicola Cuccovia

Nicola Cuccovia, 92, of 254 Island Pond Road, Springfield, died in an Agawam nursing home.

He was a landscaping helper for Tony Meccia Landscaping Inc. in Agawam. He had been a barber and shoemaker in Italy for many years.

Born in Macchiagodena, Isernia, Italy, he was an Italian Army veteran of World War II. He received the Bronze Cross, and served in the North African theater.

He came to this country and settled in Springfield in 1985.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

His wife, the former Maria Dellomo, died in 1990.

He leaves two sons, Antonio, with whom he lived, and Mario of Isernia; two daughters, Lucia DiSarro of Rome, Italy, and Delores Colozza of Toronto, Ontario; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Tazzini Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Shirley A. Jeserski

Shirley A. (Coons) Jeserski of Feeding Hills, the 20-year bookkeeper at the former Wico Electric Co., West Springfield, died in Springfield's Mercy Hospital.

She retired in 1963.

Born in Marlboro, she lived in West Springfield, and was a graduate of West Springfield High School.

She lived in Feeding Hills from 1963.

She was a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church.

Her husband, Frederick J. Jeserski, died in 1987.

She leaves her mother, Irene (Basset) Coons of Agawam; two stepsons, Frederick of Agawam and David of Palm Harbor, Florida; a stepdaughter, Christine Jeserski of Springfield; three grandchildren; and her friend, Edward Veto of Feeding Hills.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM

APPROVED ORDINANCE
TOR-96-2

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FEES
FOR THE SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM
AND THE WAGE SCALE FOR SUMMER
CAMP AND POOL PERSONNEL

WHEREAS, the Town of Agawam Parks and Recreation Department operates the Summer Camp Program at Perry Lane Park and Robinson Park School as a summer recreation program for the children of Agawam; and

WHEREAS, the fees for the Summer Camp Program and the wage scale for summer camp and pool personnel has not been adjusted since 1991; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Agawam to amend the fees for the Summer Camp Program and to adjust the wage scale for summer camp and pool personnel; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam Town Council does hereby amend the Code of the Town of Agawam as follows:

(1) Amend Section 103-11 of Chapter 103 entitled "FEES" as follows:

Delete:

Summer day camp, with transportation: 8 weeks - \$300.00; 2 weeks - \$75.00.
Summer day camp, without transportation: 8 weeks - \$200.00; 2 weeks - \$50.00.
Preschool summer playtime, 2 mornings, 7 weeks - \$50.00.

Add:

Effective 06/01/96

Perry Lane Summer Camp \$50.00 per 2 week session
Pre-School Playtime Program \$50.00 per 2 week session
Teen Summer Camp \$80.00 per 2 week session
Camp Rainbow \$150.00 7 weeks

Effective 06/01/97

Perry Lane Summer Camp \$100.00 per 2 week session
Pre-School Playtime Program \$60.00 per 2 week session
Teen Summer Camp \$100.00 per 2 week session

(2) Amend Sub-Section (9)(c) of Section 49-7 of Chapter 49 entitled "PERSONNEL" as follows:

Delete:

Area Supervisor - Parks
Director - Special Needs Children's Summer Camp
Health Counselor - Day Camp
Health Counselor - Special Needs Children's Summer Camp
Locker Room Attendant
Nurse - Special Needs Children's Summer Camp
Park Maintenance Man (part-time)
Playground Director
Playground Instructor
Playground Leader - Seasonal
Recreation Leader - Seasonal
Senior Counselor - Aquatics - Special Needs Children's Summer Camp
Senior Counselor - Crafts - Special Needs Children's Summer Camp
Senior Counselor - Gym - Special Needs Children's Summer Camp
Senior Counselor - Music - Special Needs Children's Summer Camp
Senior Counselor - Special Needs Children's Summer Camp
Youth Leader - Seasonal

Add: (Effective 06/01/96)

Camp Director	\$8.25 to \$9.00 per hour
Camp Counselor	\$5.00 to \$5.75 per hour
Camp Counselor - Specialist	\$6.50 to \$7.25 per hour
Camp Nurse	\$9.00 to \$10.75 per hour
Camp Caretaker	\$5.50 to \$6.25 per hour
Pool Director	\$8.25 to \$9.00 per hour
Head Lifeguard	\$6.75 to \$7.50 per hour
Water Safety Instructor	\$6.25 to \$6.50 per hour
Lifeguard	\$5.75 to \$6.00 per hour

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Gail Roberts

Keenan Touts Bill Expanding Tax Help For Job Growth

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan, a member of the Taxation Committee, has announced his support to expand last year's manufacturers' tax incentives to the mutual fund industry so long as the tax relief translates into job growth for western Massachusetts.

The mutual fund industry, which employs about 45,000 people statewide, seeks a change in its tax apportionment formula which more accurately reflects the business they conduct in Massachusetts.

The formula would provide a destination test on transaction processing and a single sales factor to replace property, payroll, and sales. In effect, mutual funds would be taxed only on sales to customers in Massachusetts. The legislation aims to maintain and expand the financial services industry.

Surveys of businesses throughout the state indicate that many are looking to expand to other states while citing the high energy costs, taxes, and cost of living.

"Financial services is a rapidly expanding industry, and we must provide favorable tax treatment if we want to retain these jobs," stated Rep. Keenan. "The Legislature must do its part to keep economic development moving forward in the Commonwealth."

The expected job growth is expected to be about 19,000, with many more jobs created in related sectors of the job market.

The jobs that would be generated by the financial services industry are high-paying jobs with salaries ranging from \$35,000 to \$100,000 for research analysts to portfolio managers. Western Massachusetts, with its many colleges and universities, would provide the high-quality labor pool necessary to fill the financial services industry.

The Legislature has taken a pro-active role in cutting the costs of doing business in Massachusetts with last year's manufacturers' and bank tax relief.

"This legislation continues my efforts to create jobs which take advantage of our educated workforce by employing our expertise to bringing dollars and jobs to Massachusetts," concluded Rep. Keenan.

State Funds May Enable Facelift At Perry Lane Park

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

At their Monday, May 20th meeting, town councilors were unanimous in supporting a request to seek state funds to improve the playground at Perry Lane Park.

Submitted by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, the resolution authorizes the town to apply for up to \$350,000 under the state Self-Help Program to renovate the parking lot and tennis courts and to construct a playscape at Perry Lane Park.

The town could be eligible to receive from 52 to 70 percent reimbursement from the state for the renovation project.

In a memo sent to the Mayor and the council, Recreation Director Mary Keller said, "The playground equipment at the park is dated and in great need of replacement. The parking lot is undersized and not of the best size to service the facility. Also, the tennis courts are cracked and rarely used due to their condition."

Ms. Keller is proposing the construction of two

playstructures, one for pre-school children and one for youngsters ages six and up, at a total cost of \$106,700.

Renovating the three tennis courts is expected to cost \$75,000 and will include pulverizing the existing courts to serve as the base, paving over the base, and painting and relining the surface.

New fencing for the project will add \$1,000 to the price tag, and construction of a new parking lot will cost \$165,000.

The new parking lot is designed to have 132 parking spaces, handicap spaces, and drop-off areas. The current parking lot has 37 spaces.

Under the umbrella of the Open Space bond legislation signed into law by Governor William Weld in February, the Urban Self-Help Program offers \$25 million for renovating existing recreation facilities across the state. There will be \$10 million available in the 1997 round of funding. The deadline for applying is June 1, 1996.

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Entering Agawam May Be Prettier By Improvements

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The Town's Office of Planning and Community Development, working in cooperation with the Beautification Committee, recently unveiled an ambitious plan to improve the three main entrances into town.

The idea behind a plan submitted by UMASS associate professor Jack Ahern and his graduate students is to transform the experience of entering Agawam from one of pavement and utility wires to a more attractive sense of entering a new place enhanced by stone walls, flowering trees, existing foliage, and new signage.

Conceived as a long-range plan to give residents and visitors an improved atmosphere as they enter the town, "Agawam Gateways" will depend on donations from local businesses and donated time from residents for full implementation, according to Town Planner Deborah Dachos.

Ms. Dachos said the plans for about \$150,000 in sprucing up at the gateways were prepared as if money was not an object, but funding for the projects would not be expected to come from the town budget.

"The Beautification Committee has only \$750 in its annual budget so most of our efforts will be through donations," Ms. Dachos said. "We anticipate doing a lot of this work on a volunteer basis and with donations of trees from local nurseries."

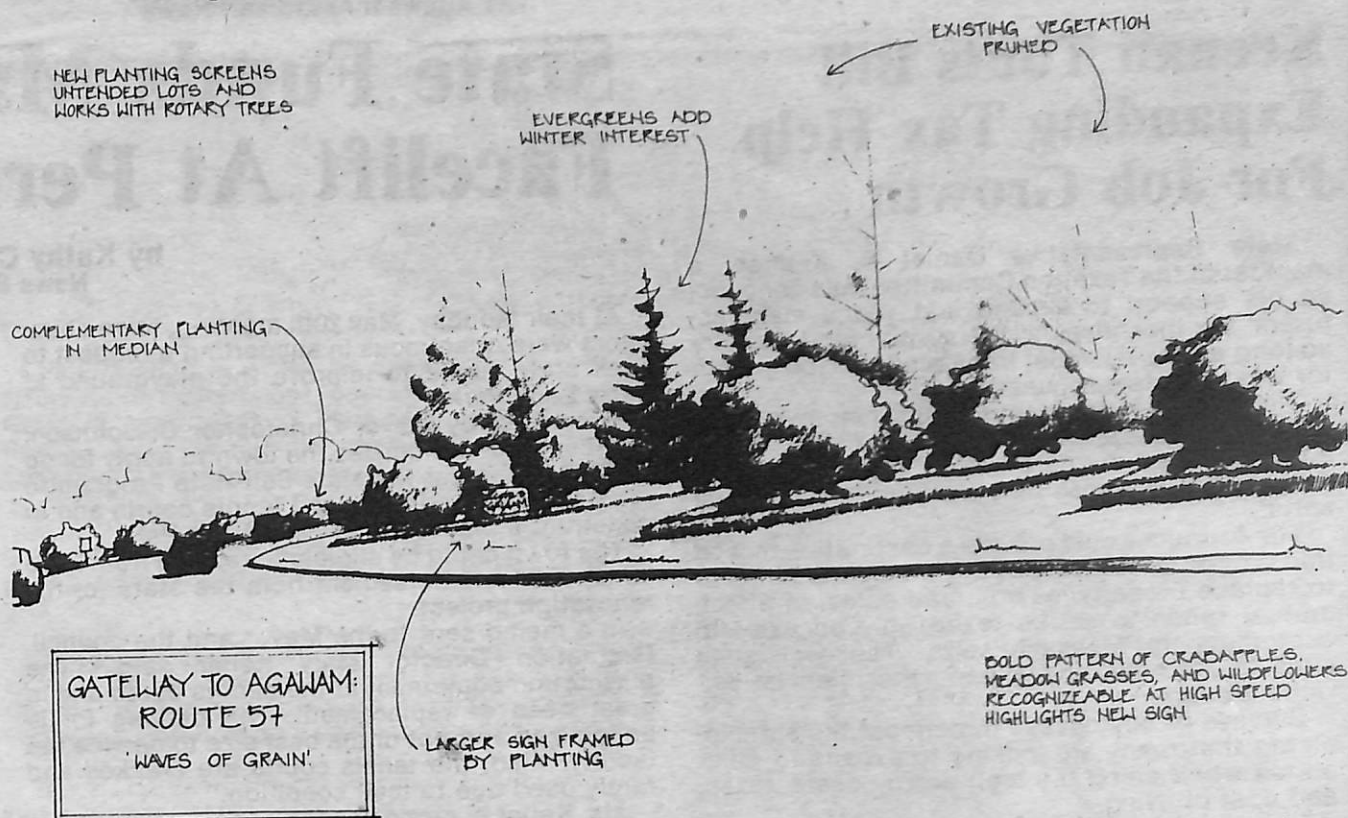
Ms. Dachos said the project could take 10 years for completion due to lack of funds.

The three gateways slated for improvement are located on Springfield Street at the Morgan Sullivan Bridge, South Main Street at the state line, and the South End Bridge Rotary.

The price tags for the projects were estimated at \$25,000, South Main Street; \$32,000, Route 57 Rotary; and \$88,000, Morgan Sullivan Bridge.

Suggestion For Lobbying The Big E...

Town Councilor George Bitzas suggested lob-



AN ARCHITECT'S DESIGN OF THE "Route 57 Gateway" into Agawam showing some of the planned improvements.

bying the Big E for funding for the project adjacent to their grounds as part of their efforts to beautify the fairgrounds.

"I don't want to see the taxpayers burdened (with the expense)," Bitzas said. "We should lobby our next door neighbors at the Big E. Many people going to the Big E park in Agawam on their way to the fair."

Ms. Dachos said building a stone wall in front of the shopping center across from the Morgan Sullivan Bridge was the top priority. It is also the most expensive part of the improvement plan and is slated to cost about \$25,000.

"The Beautification Committee needs to start pounding the pavement for funding," Ms. Dachos said.

Carlo Bonavita, owner of State Line Liquors on South Main Street, said he favored the gateway plan as long as the flowering trees suggested for planting along the street would not hide the signs on the businesses.

"We have the worst entrance into town, but with a little cooperation from the businesses, we could have the best entrance into town," Bonavita said. "But we've got to be able to see the signs."

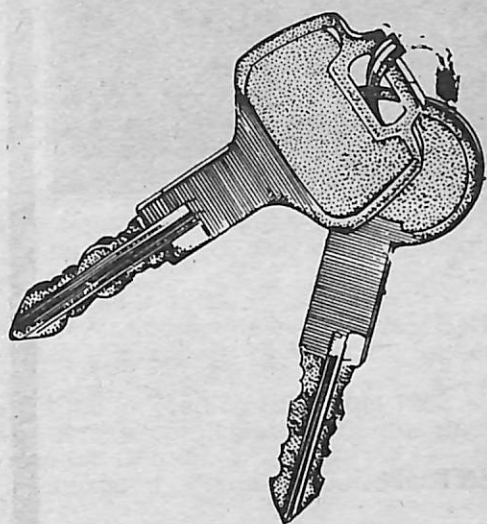
The architectural plans for the gateways were paid for as part of an Urban Forestry Planning and Education Grant, and more grants would be sought to cover the cost of gateway projects, Ms. Dachos said.

On South Main Street, the plan shows a low stone wall, low flowering trees lining the road, and new welcoming signs.

At the Morgan Sullivan Bridge, a stone wall would replace the metal guardrail, trees would be planted along Springfield and Suffield Streets, and a new welcoming sign would be included.

At the Route 57 Rotary, the plan calls for the inclusion of existing trees and shrubs, a field of wildflowers, a stone wall, and new welcoming signs.

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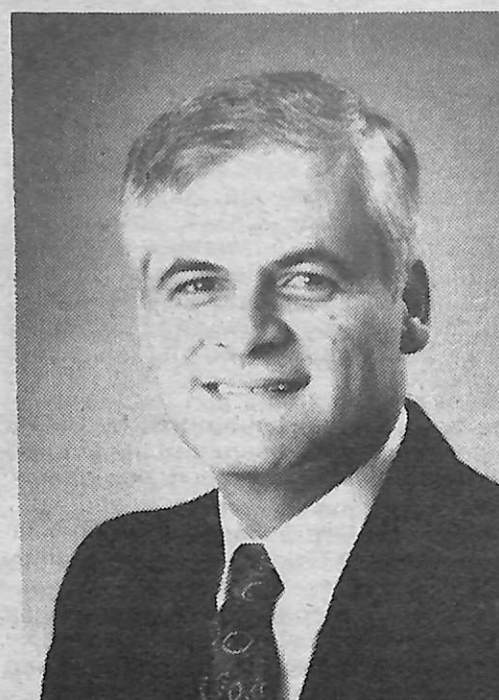
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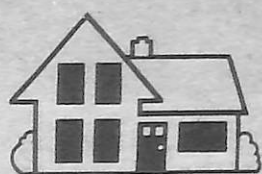


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Magovern Kicks-Off '96 Campaign For State Rep. Seat

Robert Magovern announced his candidacy for State Representative from the Third Hampden District on Thursday, May 23rd, at the Captain Charles Leonard House in Agawam.

Polly Logan, who is a past Republican National Committeewoman and is the present Chairman of the Republican State Committee, was present to wish Magovern well. Attorney Larry Novak, who is a Republican Regional Chairman, said, "Bob's friendship with both Bill Weld and Paul Cellucci will give him access to the corner office as soon as he gets to Boston. Many state reps never develop the ties that Bob already has established, and he will hit the ground running."

Many of those present echoed the same sentiments. Former Police Chief of Agawam Stanley Chmielewski went on to say, "I was very impressed by the number of people who attended Bob's campaign kickoff. I was even more impressed by those attending. I see Bob as a candidate that really comes alive. His roots are here in Agawam, and he comes from a truly caring and successful family background."

Magovern's theme in his announcement speech was that one person can make a difference. He remembered Mrs. Davis, whose patronage and efforts have left us the legacy of the Captain Charles Leonard House.

"It is not only the Mrs. Davis's of yesterday, however; it is the people who are active today that protect the Captain Leonard House and our other great legacies," he stated, adding, "If we do not each do our part for tomorrow, who then will insure the future for our children?"

Magovern went on to state how he hopes to go to Boston and be an activist, and do his part to insure a secure future for Agawam and the entire Third Hampden District.

On Thursday, June 27th, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a fundraiser for Magovern at The Oaks in Agawam. Lieutenant Governor Paul Cellucci will be Robert Magovern's honored guest.

For more details, call the Magovern Committee at 789-0171.

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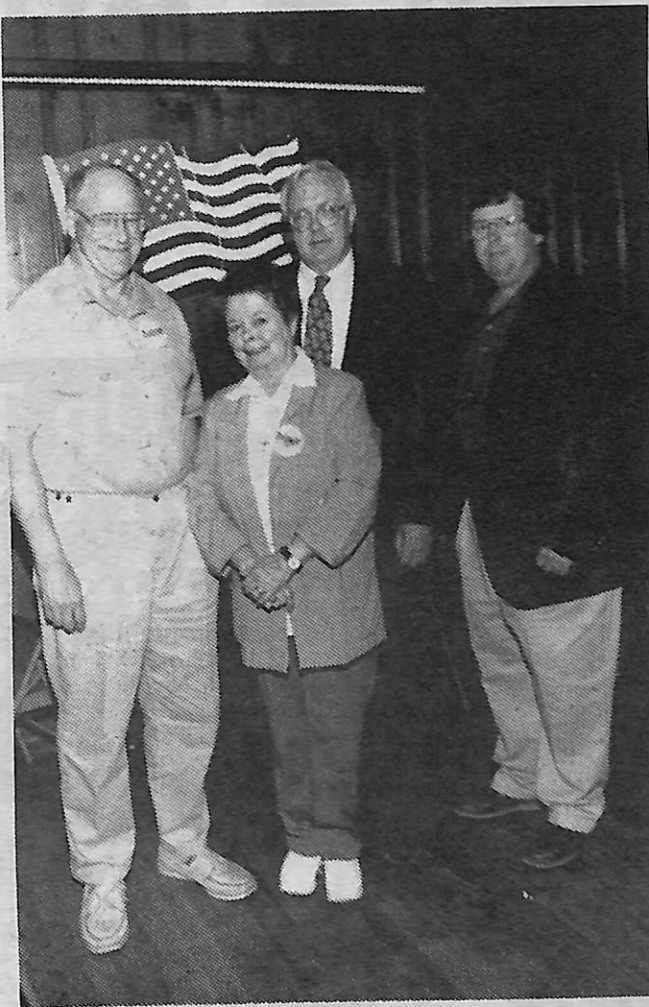
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STATE REP. CANDIDATE ROBERT MAGOVERN (R) with supporters at his campaign kick-off at the Captain Charles Leonard House. From left - Chris Quatrone, Polly Logan (past National Republican Committeewoman), Magovern, Cathy Labine, and Larry Noval.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT ROBERT MAGOVERN'S CAMPAIGN KICKOFF on Thursday, May 23rd, at the Captain Charles Leonard House - Andy Campbell, Rita Moore, Russ Fax, Rob Danie, Anthony Bonavita, and Priscilla Peterson. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Insurance Issues Back On Frontburner In Senate Says Melconian

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced Senate passage of a \$17.4 million stage budget for FY '97, which includes directives regarding the Uncompensated Care Pool and Group Insurance Commission.

"The budget produced by the Senate is fiscally responsible, comprehensive, and fair, addressing important issues such as health care, education, and human services," Melconian said.

The Uncompensated Care Pool, created by the Legislature in 1985, has long been a concern of hospitals, insurers, and the state. Designed to provide reimbursement for treatment of uninsured citizens, the financing of the Pool has shifted from a surcharge on hospital bills for payers to an assessment on hospitals based on the amount of privately insured patients they service.

Hospitals believe insurance companies force them to pay a greater percentage of free care costs out of their own budget rather than subsidized through contract negotiations. Many favor assessing insurance companies as a means of covering the costs.

Melconian, recognizing the need for reform, co-sponsored an amendment requiring the Executive Office of Administration and Finance to prepare an implementation plan by December 31, 1996, for improvements and changes to the Uncompensated Care Pool.

The study further requires the Secretary of the Executive Office of Administration and Finance to consult with a commission comprised of representatives of all involved parties. Melconian hopes the resulting plan is fair and workable, allowing for an equitable means of covering uninsured costs.

"Although assessing insurers is an option, the Senate must be confident that insurers will not pass along the costs to consumers and businesses," Melconian said. "The study will give all parties an opportunity to present plans to deal with this growing problem."

Melconian also co-sponsored an amendment providing for greater accountability of the Group Insurance Commission. Currently, the commission is not well-defined. It is almost entirely up to the discretion of the Governor to appoint nine out of the 11 commission members. The Melconian amendment would define the members of the commission by identifying the eligible candidates for each position.

The GIC would be under the Executive Office of Administration and Finance, and would work with the Executive Director to set policy and rates for state employees and retirees. The commission would consist of the Secretary of A&F, the Attorney General, the Commissioner of Insurance, one member of the Mass Teachers Association and the Mass Nurses Association, a physician, a health economist, a retired state worker, and three current state employees nominated by the AFL-CIO.

These associations would submit nominees to the Governor, and he would be required to choose from these nominations.

"Establishing a commission that is diversified and independent is a major step in providing fair and competitive rates for citizens insured under the GIC," Melconian said.

The current commission would disband on June 30, 1996, and no action would be taken up until the Governor had appointed all members of the commission. In addition, a quorum of six members would be needed for any action to be taken by the GIC in order to give all groups a voice in future commission action.

Other provisions of the Senate budget:

- * Reinstating the death penalty for atrocious murders, and the killing of law enforcement officials and teachers.

- * The addition of \$1.6 million for the state district attorneys.

- * An amendment requiring a staffer, not voice-mail, to answer incoming calls from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at all state agencies.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 6, 1996 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of David Ladizki for a Revision to the Definitive Subdivision Plan of Calico Lane, Centerwood Meadows. The proposed revision is to allow for a waiver of sidewalks on one side of the road.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board

Published: May 30, 1996

Council Agenda For June 3rd

1. Citizen's Speak Time.
2. Roll Call.
3. Moment of Silence and to Pledge the Allegiance.
4. Minutes - Special Council Meeting of 5/10/96 (7:00 p.m.); Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 5/20/96.
5. Declaration from Council President.
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-96-10-Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Easements for Water and Sewer Services at the Agawam Country Club (Mayor)(Charter Object by Coun. Ennis & Caba on 5/20/96).

2. TR-96-14-Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Release an Existing Drainage Easement and Accept a New Drainage Easement in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park at Shoemaker Lane in the City of Agawam, County of Hampden, Mass. (Mayor)(Charter Object by Coun. Ennis on 5/20/96).

3. TR-96-16-Resolution to Amend Council Rule No. 42 of the Agawam City Council Rules (Coun. Langone).

(b) Petitions

1. PE-96-2-Group Pet., Art. 8, Sec. 8-1(b)(Determining if the mis-use of public funds has been allowed by the council and by the administration)(Coun. Langone, Ennis, Servis, Perry, Caba)(Set Public Hearing Date - Suggest 6/17/96).

7. Report of Council Committees

8. Elections

None.

9. Public Hearings

(a)

1. PH-96-3-(PE-96-3)Group Petition, Art. 8, Sec. 8-1(b)(Proposed in lieu of tax agreement)(Conduct Public Hearing)(Pres. Thompson).

10. Old Business

(a)

1. TOR-96-3-An Ordinance to amend Ch. 155 of the Code of the Town of Agawam entitled "Streets and Sidewalks" (Coun. Blitzas)(2nd Reading).

2. TOR-96-4-An Ordinance to Amend the Fees for Perry Lane Nursery School and the Wage Scale for Perry Lane Nursery School Personnel (Coun. Thompson, Suffriti, Servis)(2nd Read.)

3. TOR-96-5-An Ordinance to Amend the Wage Scale for Certain Unclassified Employees (Mayor).

4. TO-96-8-Request the City Council to hire an outside Attorney for legal opinion (Coun. Suffriti) (Tabled on 3/5/96 - Left on table on 3/18/96, 4/1/96, 4/16/96, 5/6/96 & 5/20/96).

5. TO-96-17-To consider the dismissal of Council President (Charter Object by Coun. Quatrone, Simpson, Skolnick & Blitzas on 5/20/96).

6. TO-96-18-Voucher List (\$16.00).

7. TO-96-19-Transfer-\$69,000 from Salary Reserve (16605-57350) to Various Accounts (Mayor).

Melconian Praises Transit Bond Giving Agawam Over \$1 Million For Rte. 187

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced Senate passage of a \$975.6 million transportation bond issue, which includes \$1.034 million to help Agawam fund the Route 187 Project.

The bond issue includes a portion of the authorizations recommended by the House and Senate in more comprehensive legislation. Money will be provided to the State Highway Department to maintain ongoing projects and commence others in the near future.

In addition, \$300 million has been authorized for cities and towns under the Chapter 90 program, which provides state reimbursement for projects conducted and developed at the local level. The conference committee will continue to

meet to work out the remaining differences in the House and Senate Transportation Bond bills.

Route 187 is an important area, running through many communities in Hampden County. The construction project, which extends from Westfield to Feeding Hills Center, will widen, improve drainage, repair potholes, and address vision problems along the route.

"Route 187 is in need of repairs, and the funding Agawam will receive will go a long way in making the necessary improvements," Melconian said.

The conference report, which was recently accepted by the House and Senate, has proceeded to the Governor, who has professed support for the bill.

Waste Collection Day Set By Agawam

The Town of Agawam has scheduled a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for Saturday, June 8, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. by appointment only.

The location will be the Agawam High School parking lot on Cooper Street. Proof of residency will be required. Each household will be limited to a quantity of waste equal to 15 gallons liquid or 20 pounds solid.

To pre-register, contact the Agawam Health Department at 786-0400, ext. 208, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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WHAT NOT TO BRING!

Empty containers, commercially generated wastes, radioactive wastes, smoke detectors, biological waste, explosives, ammunition, prescription drugs, syringes, or motor oil. (Motor oil can be brought to the Department of Public Works garage, 1347 Main Street, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or the day of the collection, June 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

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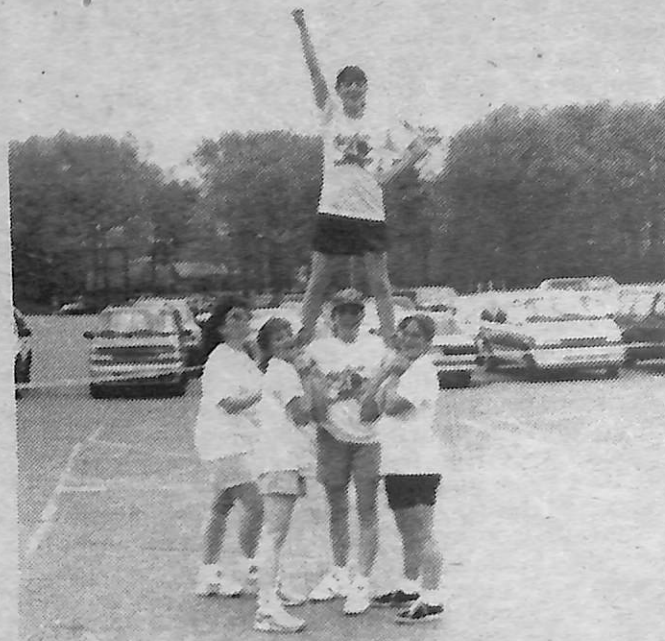


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Walk For Epilepsy Big Success



THE EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION of Massachusetts held a benefit walk on Sunday, May 19th beginning at the Agawam High School. Committee members (below) and some of the student walkers are pictured. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM YOUTH CHEERLEADERS were part of the gang who participated in the May 19th Epilepsy Walk beginning at Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

E.B's Restaurant Slates "TNT Wing Eating Contest" For June 6th

On Thursday, June 6, 1996 at 7:00 p.m., E.B's Restaurant will be holding its Annual TNT Wing Eating Contest celebrating its 10th anniversary. Proceeds from this event will benefit "The Daniel A. Larson Foundation," which was established to support the families of homicide victims. George and Dee Zigert of Agawam are members of the Board of Directors of the Larson Foundation.

Sponsors of the contest include Rock 102 with "Bax & O'Brien" broadcasting live, and "Sam Adams," who will be providing the beer outside under our party tent.

This event has been a proven success in the past. The participants, along with their family and friends, enjoy a high energy, very well organized party. Past participants have eaten as many as 50 of our hottest wings in just five minutes and have raised upwards of \$2,000.

In addition to supporting a great cause, E.B's will also unveil the logo of their new franchising project called "E.B's Express." E.B's Express will be a state-of-the-art takeout/delivery operation. Plans are to have four locations in Western Massachusetts catering to local communities and the college market.

Hope to see you at this worthwhile event. If you need additional information, please contact Edward Borgatti, Jr. at (413) 789-3525.

Please remember that Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice to cover your event. Call 789-0053.

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Adam is the son of Robert and Barbara (Atwater) Borden of West Springfield.

The proud grandparents are June and Clayton Atwater of Agawam.

Dottie D'Ambrosio Of F. Hills Assists With Tornado Relief Efforts

Feeding Hills resident Dottie D'Ambrosio, who is an American Red Cross Disaster Volunteer, has been deployed to assist with the Southeastern Massachusetts tornado.

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Annual Summer Picnic For Open Pantry Slated For June 8th At Corson Park

The West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry will be holding its annual summer picnic on Saturday, June 8th, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Alice B. Corson Park on Main Street in West Springfield.

At this event, families of low income enjoy food and entertainment, and the children play games for prizes. Last year, over 500 people attended; we are anticipating at least that number will attend this year.

If you would like to help, we need assistance in the following areas:

1. Setting up: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
2. Supervising games and food service: 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.
3. Clean up: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

We also need desserts (cookies, brownies, etc.) and many small gifts to be used as game prizes

(Match-box cars, pencils, crayons, trolls, small stuffed animals, and other small toys) as well as several raffle prizes.

Donations may be delivered to the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and on Wednesday evenings from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for the picnic, please call Diane Crowell or Pat Lyman at the Open Pantry, 734-7969.

The Picnic Committee Members are: Diane Crowell, Pat Lyman, Joan Kellogg, Arnold Boido, Dom Longo, Vicky Conner, Evelyn Lavelli, Patrick Kearney, Bill Girotti, Gerry Conner, Linda Nummy, Ellian Sanchez, Rachel Hartman, Norma Lane, Cassie Gilmartin, and Richard Clark.

Certified Financial Planner Offering Retirement Planning Seminar At Library

Michael Levine, a certified financial planner, will offer a Retirement Investment Planning Seminar on Thursday, June 27th, at the Agawam Public Library from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for Agawam and Feeding Hills residents.

Special topics that will be covered in the seminar include pension plans, distributions,

rollovers, transfers, investment options, and asset allocation.

The seminar is limited to 100 people and registration is mandatory. Anyone interested in registering can stop by the library or call 789-1550.

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Downtown Noon-Time Toastmasters Club Is Now Forming In Spfld.

A demonstration Toastmasters meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19th, at 12:00 noon in the Bank of Boston building. It will be open to the public and will last for one hour. This meeting will provide anyone interested in Toastmasters an opportunity to see a meeting first-hand, and will provide detailed information about the group now seeking charter members.

Toastmasters is a non-profit, international organization which is dedicated to the development of effective communication and leadership skills. A Toastmasters Club is designed to create a safe and professional learning environment that will allow its members to develop verbal communication and presentation skills through a self-paced and low-cost format.

The Toastmasters International organization has been in existence for 72 years and manages over 8,000 clubs around the world. There are currently 12 community and company clubs here in Western Massachusetts.

Anyone interested in learning more about Toastmasters is encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held in the 3rd Floor Community Room in the Bank of Boston building at 1350 Main Street in Springfield.

For more information, call Bill Corbett at UniCARE Insurance Company at 858-5633, or Joanne Attardi at Bank of Boston at 731-4064.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, June 3rd: Pea soup, ham & cheese on rye bread, tomato & cucumber salad, nectarine.

Tuesday, June 4th: Birthdays & anniversaries—Roast turkey, mashed potato w/gravy, green beans, wheat bread, cake.

Wednesday, June 5th: Baked chicken breast, sweet potatoes, yellow squash, wheat bread, tapioca pudding.

Thursday, June 6th: Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, corn, pumpernickel bread, plums.

Friday, June 7th: Baked fish, baked beans, cole slaw, rye bread, pineapple.

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Host Family Sought For Teenage Girl Through Agawam AFS Exchange Program

The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is seeking a host family for a teenage girl from Panama for the 1996-1997 school year to be a member of the senior class at Agawam High School. Agawam AFS offers plenty of support to all of its host families and has a 15-member community board and a faculty advisor at the High School to assist the foreign students and host families throughout the year.

Agawam AFS has been a sponsor chapter of AFS International for the past 21 years and is considered one of the most successful in all of New England.

Currently, Agawam AFS is sponsoring five students at Agawam High School. The students arrive in early August and return to their home countries the first week of July the following year (after spending what is hoped to be the most memorable year of their lives with an American

host family).

AFS USA sponsors over 4,000 students and visiting teachers each year.

Host families come from all walks of life and from all income levels. AFS International assumes health and liability insurance. The Agawam Chapter of AFS helps the students it sponsors with many school related expenses.

Hosting an AFS student can be one of the most wonderful and exhilarating experiences for a local family and this is based on the many past successes of hosting families in our community.

If you are interested in hearing more information about Agawam AFS, or may be interested in hosting for the 1996/97 school year, please contact Allen Machia, Agawam AFS Family Placement chairman (786-0114), Mary Ellen Bruce, Agawam High AFS advisor (789-1400, extension 421, weekdays), or Ric Sardella, chapter president (786-7747 days; 789-2005, evenings).

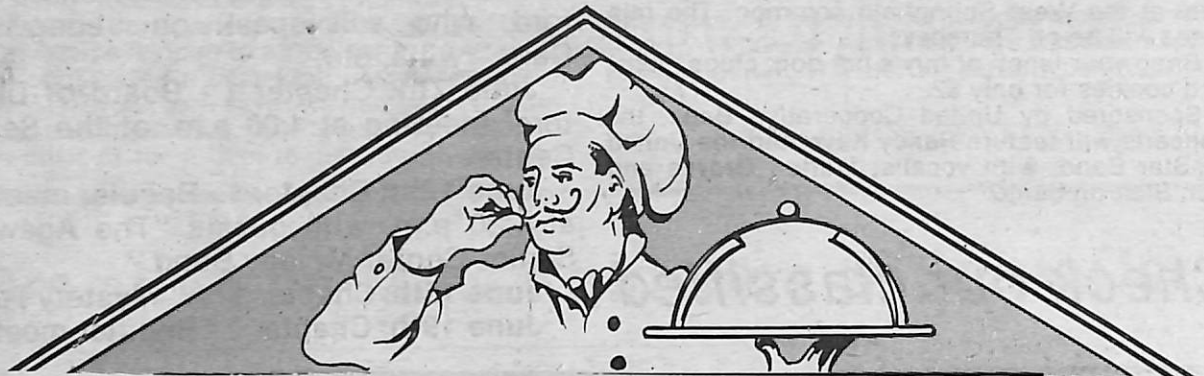
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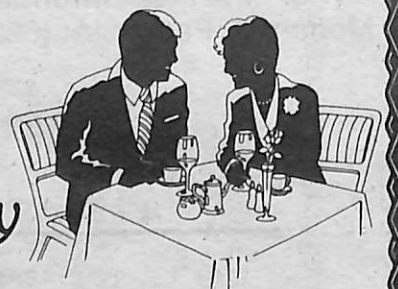
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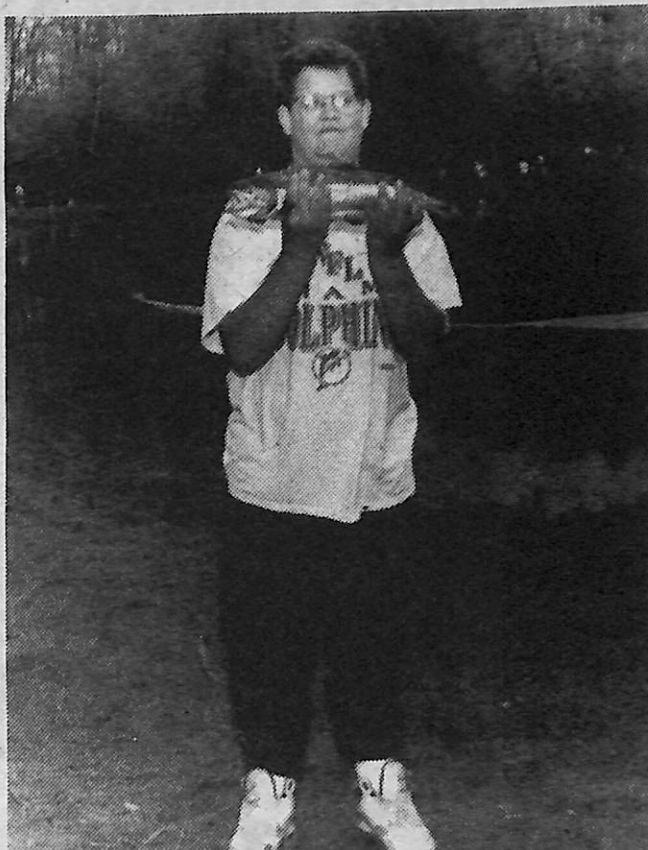
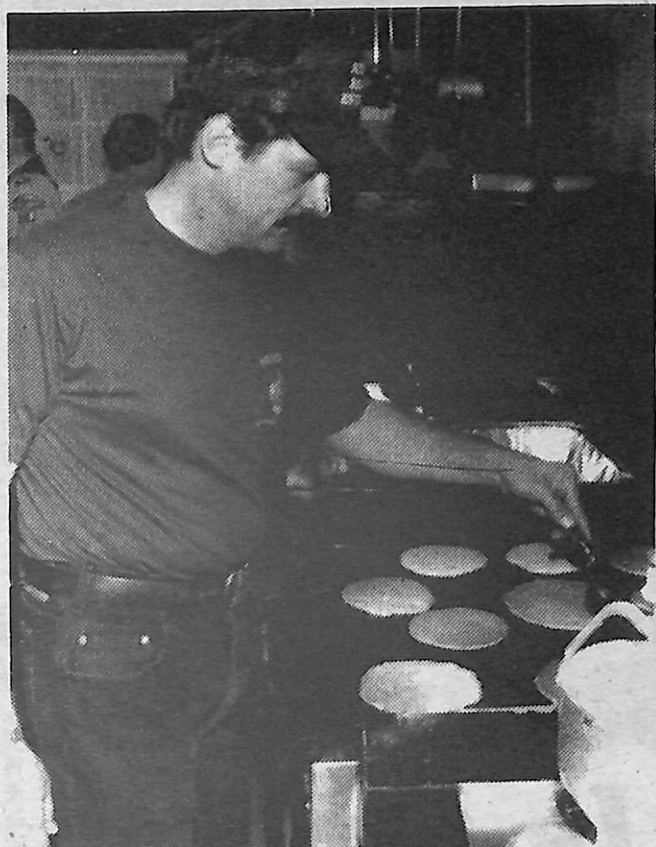
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Agawam Golden Agers June Events

June 3rd: Chapter 1 - Trip to the Suffolk Downs Racetrack.

June 5th: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with guest Ms. Tamara Gifford, who will speak on "Long-Term Care," wills, etc.

June 7th: Chapter 1 - Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

June 12th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with guests "The Agawam Senior Center Melody Band."

June 13th: Chapter 1 - A "Mystery Trip."

June 19th: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting

at 1:30 p.m. with guest speaker Mr. Thomas McCormick, Asst. Attorney General, who will speak on "Consumer Safety, The Senior Target."

June 26th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with gift bingo.

June 27th: Chapter 1 - Trip to the Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut.

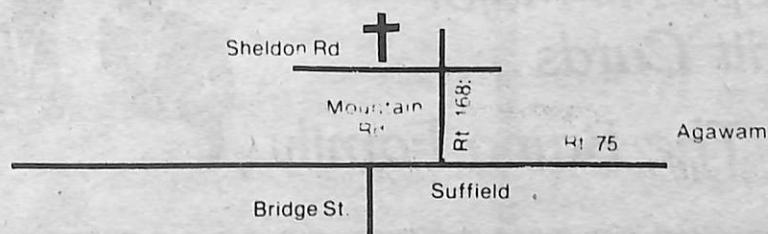
June 27th: Chapter 2 - Trip to the "Elmsford Theatre" in New York to enjoy the musical "Damn Yankees." Dinner included.

June 28th: Chapter 2 - A Dinner Board meeting.



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June Calendar For Agawam Senior Center

Monday, June 3rd: 1:30 p.m., Bingo.
Tuesday, June 4th: 9:00 a.m., SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Seniors); 11:30 a.m., Birthdays and anniversaries celebrated; 12:30 p.m., Movie; 1:00 p.m., Free blood pressure check (no appointment needed).
Wednesday, June 5th: 9:00 a.m., Podiatry with Dr. Dickert (by appointment); 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter 2.
Thursday, June 6th: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Auto window etching (by appointment - call Senior Center).
Friday, June 7th: 9:00 a.m., Free diabetic screening (no appointment); 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Auto window etching (by appointment - call Senior Center); 12:30 program, "Fall Prevention and Eliminating Household Hazards" (Genesis Elder Care, Martha Bernstein).
Saturday, June 8th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.
Monday, June 10th: 9:00 a.m., Weldon Center Hearing Van (free exams by appointment); 1:30 p.m., Bingo.
Tuesday, June 11th: 12:30 p.m., Movie.
Wednesday, June 12th: 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter 1.
Thursday, June 13th: 9:00 a.m., Podiatry with Dr. Salem (by appointment).
Friday, June 14th: Fathers' Day Celebration (cookout/eat in with entertainment); "The Senior Games" begin at Springfield College, with opening ceremonies at the Blake Track at 5:45 p.m. (all spectators and supporters welcome).
Saturday, June 15th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.
Monday, June 17th: 1:30 p.m., Bingo.
Tuesday, June 18th: 8:00 a.m., Golf Tournament, Agawam Country Club (call Senior Center for an update); 9:00 a.m., SHINE representative available (call Senior Center for an appointment); 12:30 p.m., Movie; 1:00 p.m., Free blood pressure check (no appointment).
Wednesday, June 19th: Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter 2.
Thursday, June 20th: 9:00 a.m., Foot care nurses.
Friday, June 21st: 12:30 program, "U.S. Healthcare's Medicare Plan" (with Kathleen Howe).
Saturday, June 22nd: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.
Monday, June 24th: 1:00 p.m., A.A.R.P. meeting.
Tuesday, June 25th: (Rain date for Golf Tournament); 12:30 p.m., Movie; 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Free legal consultation with Attorney Teryl Deegan (by appointment).
Wednesday, June 26th: 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' meeting, Chapter 1.

TIDBITS:

Raffle - The winner of the gorgeous afghan (made and donated by Mrs. Bruna Morassi) was won by Louise Masciotra. The proceeds went to aid the Senior Center kitchen. Thank you to Mrs. Morassi and all who purchased tickets.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED:

Birthdays celebrated were Isabelle Caplette and J. Emile Cote; anniversaries celebrated were Leslie and Lucille Packard (45 years), Tony and Isabelle Caplette (56 years), and Rita and Len Geddis (47 years).

Congratulations to all who celebrated their special day!

SPECIAL TIDBIT:

Birthdays greetings are sent from the White House to Americans 80 years or older, as well as anniversary greetings to couples celebrating 50 or more years of marriage.

Send requests to: The White House, Greetings Office, Room 39, Washington, D.C. 20500, or fax your request to 202-395-1232.

TRIPS:

* **Berkshire Ballet** will present "Coppelis" on **Thursday, August 1st**. A trip to the Berkshires is planned with a luncheon at the Berkshire Hilton Inn. This trip will be posted on the activities bulletin board, and reservations will open soon.

* **A trip to Aqua Turf in Plantsville, CT, to see Jerry Vale** is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 9th**. The bus pick-up will be at the Agawam Senior Center at 9:30 a.m., and the return time is 5:30 p.m. Menu will include salad, ziti, chicken a la Kathryn, sliced ham, potato, vegetable, dessert, and beverage. Bring back those memories of the '50s with "Al Di La," "Pretend You Don't See Her," "You Don't Know Me," and much more. The price per person is \$55 and includes all. Seating is limited, so don't hesitate to call in your reservation at 786-0400, ext. 242 (Sandra).

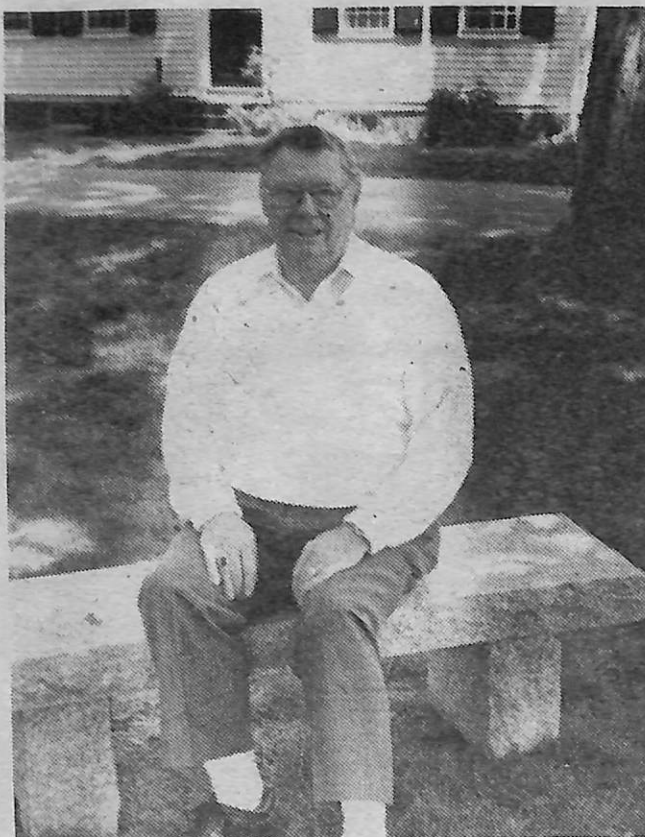
* **Cape Cod Scallop Fest** - A trip to the famous "Cape Cod Scallop Fest" is being planned. The date will be Friday, September 1, 1996. Stops at shopping areas plus the Christmas tree shop will be included. (More details with be forthcoming.)

MED. ALERT! FRIDAY, JUNE 21ST:

Decisions, decisions, decisions. U.S. Healthcare, one of the many sponsors of the "Senior Olympic Games," will be giving a presentation on their coverage and benefits on Friday, June 21st, at 12:30 p.m.

The areas covered will be: 1) the benefits of the U.S. Healthcare plan, explaining the Medicare

Loomis New Leonard House President



JAMES H. LOOMIS, JR., (left) has been elected as the new president of the Board of Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House. Loomis is sitting on a memorial bench for the late Richard Brindle, the longtime trustee president. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, Loomis is pictured with new trustees **Donald A. Sorel (left)** and **Everett J. Hodge**. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

benefits of U.S. Healthcare and what is covered; 2) combined physician and pharmacy book, etc.

If you are confused or undecided with all of the options "out there," it's not a bad idea to listen to all of them first. The many programs that are offered through the Senior Center are meant to do just that, especially when it comes to something so important as your health care and benefits.

AUTO GLASS ETCHING:

Auto glass etching will take place at the Agawam Senior Center on Thursday and Friday, June 6th and 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (by appointment). This service takes 15 minutes. All windows will be done, and the price is \$10 per car.

This service is open to all residents of Agawam and is considered a community service. Keep in mind ... 1) you can save 15 percent on comprehensive insurance, 2) a "glass etched" vehicle is difficult for a thief to dispose of, and 3) a

thief is immediately alerted by the window decal that your car windows are "etched" with a permanent number.

Call the Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242, for your appointment.

NEW CRAFT CLASS:

We welcome Susan Mutti-Hayes, who will be heading up the "Special Projects" craft class. Susan will offer a *special craft* for as many sessions as it will take and price it out (meaning the project materials and time which will equal the fee per class).

Susan's first project will be painted tee-shirts. The class will be held on Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., and the price has been set at \$25 (inclusive). The starting date is pending.

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Enrollment is now open. Feel free to call the Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242 (Sandra Smith, Activities Director).

The following poem was written by Billie Muncy, a very talented artist and a member of the Agawam Senior Center art class, who will be moving and wanted to say good-bye to her fellow classmates.

Here is how she said it:

To My Art Class
Dear Women of Colors
You've been so much fun.
I'm really sad that
Our work here is done.

You make it hard
for me to pack up and go.
I'll miss your friendship
and your sweet inter glow.

And Women of Colors
I'll miss watching your art
get better and better
as you get smarter and smart.

I'll see you in sunsets,
in pumpkins and roses
and in Raggedy Ann dolls
with red triangular noses.

I'll taste you in Bagels
and sweet green grapes.
I'll find you in blue skies
and watercolored landscapes.

So dear Women of Colors
I must say adieu'.
You think you've learned from me?
Oh! I've learned from you.

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Garden Club Holds Annual Plant Sale



THE AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB held its Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 18th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House. From left - Barbara Gagnon, Barbara Pemberton, Kathy Norris, and Judy Clini (co-chairwoman of the event), and Sue Wyand. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Agawam Lions & Lioness Clubs Receive Many State Awards

It has been a rewarding year for the Agawam Lions and Lioness Clubs. As a result of the community supporting our fundraising activities, we have been able to support numerous civic and charitable causes.

In recognition of these efforts, during the 1995-1996 Lions year, the Agawam Lions and Lioness have recently received several awards at the state and regional levels.

The Lions Club received the Massachusetts Lions Club Award for the best club in its District. Agawam is one of only five clubs in the state to receive this award.

The local club also received the District 33Y Governors' Award for first place in the large club

category, as well as the Lions Club of Year Award for best club in District 33Y (best of 48 clubs in the district) and third place in the club bulletin competition.

In addition, the Agawam Lioness Club received the Lioness Club of the Year Award in District 33Y for best Lioness Club in the District.

Lions and Lioness Clubs are service-oriented clubs that raise funds for worthwhile causes. Funds we raise are used to support eye research to prevent blindness and many community activities.

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Church News

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

Worship service continues at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

This Sunday, June 2nd, is Communion Sunday. The sermon will be "How Majestic Is Your Name?" (Text: Psalm 8). The children's message will be "The Sign Of The Rainbow."

Next Sunday, June 9th, is Church School Day. All church school classes will present a special program for the congregation.

The Sixth Annual 18 Hole Golf Tournament—The Charlie McCobb Memorial Golf Tournament—will be held Saturday, June 1, 1996, at St. Anne's Country Club, Feeding Hills.

A \$5,000 Hole In One Contest will be held on the ninth hole. All golfers are welcome: men, women, seniors, and juniors. The entry fee is \$25 (greens fee, snack, beverage), and carts are available.

For tee times, call Tom Erskine, 786-4783, or Austin Woodard, 786-1675.

The Ladies Aid Annual Strawberry Supper will be held on Thursday, June 6th, with two sittings at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m.

Menu includes: homemade potato salad, boiled ham, cole slaw, rolls, mustard, pickle relish, fresh coffee and tea, homemade strawberry shortcake with freshly baked biscuits and real whipped cream.

Adults are \$7, and children under 12 are \$3. For reservations call Mrs. Ruth Galica, 786-0550, or the church office, 786-7111. Reservations close Tuesday, June 4th.

On Sunday, June 16th, the new Summer Worship service hours begin at 9:30 a.m. This is also Senior Recognition Day; we will be honoring all our graduating seniors with a special service.

The Jr. High students will be leading and participating in the Worship Service. The summer "Youth Church" will begin this Sunday and continue through summer, ending on Sunday, August 25th.

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Adult Bible Literacy class begins at 9:00 a.m., as does Sunday School for children. This is the last Sunday for Sunday School.

Because this is Children's Sunday, the Service of Worship at 10:00 a.m. will be led by the Sunday School children. Nursery care will be provided as usual.

The Youth Group will make its monthly visit to the Springfield Rescue Mission on Sunday, June 2nd. Plan to meet at the church at 1:30 p.m.

Adult volunteers are needed to help the young people prepare and serve an afternoon meal. Please call the church at 786-5061 or speak to Rev. Donaldson on Sunday if you would like to help.

Rev. Donaldson will take Tuesday as his day off this week due to the fact that he will be attending the MACUCC annual meeting on Friday, June 7th, at Mt. Holyoke College.

The Ladies Benevolent Society is sponsoring the annual Strawberry Supper and food sale on Saturday, June 15th. We are in need of helpers for the supper.

If you are interested in picking strawberries, cleaning strawberries, cleaning the kitchen, serving in the kitchen, waiting on tables (food is served family style), or donating baked goods to the food sale, please contact Lani Kretschmar or Bernice Burton on a Sunday morning before or after church, or the church office at 786-5061.

On the calendar this week:
Friday, May 31st: The church office is closed.
Saturday, June 1st: 1:00 p.m., Practice for Children's Sunday.

Sunday, June 2nd: 9:00 a.m., Adult Bible Literacy/Sunday School; 10:00 a.m., Children's Sunday; 1:30 p.m., Youth Group to Rescue Mission; 5:00 p.m., Crossroads Christian Fellowship.

Monday, June 3rd: 7:30 p.m., Council.
Tuesday, June 4th: Rev. Donaldson's day off; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, June 5th: 2:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Friday, June 7th: MACUCC annual meeting at Mt. Holyoke; 7:00 p.m., Radio Club.

Bethany Craft Fair At Leonard House



THE CAPTAIN CHARLES LEONARD HOUSE was the scene of a craft fair recently sponsored by the Bethany Assembly of God. IN PHOTO LEFT - Anne Martin, Diana Carpenter, Erika Martin, and Irene Haag; IN PHOTO RIGHT - Bobbi Snyder, Joyce Rosazza, and Asenath Busiere. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Sacred Heart Church Baptizes Four; Thanks Everyone For Great 50th Celebration

Welcomed into the parish family of Sacred Heart Church recently were newly baptized Joseph Michael Frare, Alex Dryden Burgess, Emily Dale Potter, and Elise Paige Roy.

Congratulations to their parents and families.

On behalf of the 50th Anniversary Committee, a sincere thank you to all for making our 50th Anniversary celebration so festive. It was wonderful seeing old friends and a perfect opportunity to make new friends. For your presence, thank you.

Our celebration continues on Saturday, June 15th with Mass at 4:00 p.m. to be held outdoors. Bring your own chairs or blankets, a cookout to follow.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

The Annual Catholic Appeal, which runs during the month of May, has come to its bookkeeping

High School & College Graduates To Be Recognized At Agawam First Baptist Church

At the 9:30 a.m. morning worship service at First Baptist Church, graduates from high school and college will be honored at a special recognition ceremony. Also at this service, communion will be celebrated. A social hour will follow, with the Children's Church scheduled from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

At 1:00 p.m., the all-church planning conference will convene at the Church in the Acres in Springfield. Workshops will be held all afternoon on several topics of importance in the church life. The afternoon's events will conclude at 6:30 p.m.

end. On behalf of the committee, the captains, and workers, I would like to extend our thanks to all who contributed to this year's effort.

Our parish goal was \$34,365. Because of your generous response, we were able to collect \$34,517 in gifts and pledges.

The Mount Carmel Society will be holding a Ziti Dinner with meatballs and sausage on Friday, June 7th from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The Dinner will be held in the Mount Carmel Society Hall on Winthrop Street, Springfield. Donations are \$7.

The Agawam Beautification Committee is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to take care of the planting at DePalma's Triangle.

For further details, please call Zoafia Demko at 569-3174. Thank you sincerely in advance.

Plan to attend this important event!

Also on our calendar this week:
Monday, June 3rd: 6:30 p.m., Amicitia Circle annual picnic; 7:30 p.m., Sunshine Circle meets.
Tuesday, June 4th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Church Committee.
Wednesday, June 5th: 7:15 a.m., Midweek Prayer Time (Chapel); 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open; 7:00 p.m., Bible Study (Parlor).
Thursday, June 6th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.



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God And Freedom...

All around America this week, in small towns and large cities, our country paid tribute to the brave men and women whose lives were sacrificed in war for the sake of our freedom. An Act of Congress declares that the last Monday in May is set aside to remember and honor our war dead.

It is important that we interrupt our usual activities for such remembrances, lest we forget that the freedom we so easily enjoy was not so easily secured. Our freedom is indeed a costly and precious asset.

Freedom has always cost somebody something. Those who have lost loved ones in war know and appreciate the high cost of freedom. We can live and raise our families in safety, because of what others have done for us. All of us appreciate our freedom; we certainly wouldn't want to live any other way.

God's plan for our lives is that we should be perfectly free; free from the power and effects of sin. The freedom God provides also cost Him something, the life of His Son.

Jesus Christ was sacrificed on the cross to break the bondages of sin and to secure perfect freedom for us. The freedom Christ provides is perfect because it extends beyond this life, into eternity.

We can live in eternal safety, because of what somebody else has done for us. All of us can understand and appreciate our temporary, earthly freedom; can we also understand and appreciate the eternal and perfect freedom God wants to give each of us?

God knows how easily people can forget important facts of history. This is especially true as time passes.

For example, in the Book of Deuteronomy, we read: "In the future, when your son asks you, 'What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees, and laws the Lord our God has commanded you?', tell him, 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out with a mighty hand. Before our eyes the Lord sent miraculous signs and wonders, great and terrible, upon Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household. But He brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land that he promised on oath to our forefathers. The Lord commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the Lord our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today.'"

Elsewhere in the same Book, we see this admonition: "Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them."

To the generation which struggles in a major conflict, whether that conflict is a war of this century or the deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt, it is virtually unthinkable that people would ever forget what happened. And yet, because He so perfectly understands our human nature, God commanded the people of Israel to memorialize their deliverance from slavery in Egypt.

Similarly, Jesus Christ wants us to never forget what He did for us by dying on the cross and by so doing obtaining perfect freedom for us; a freedom which we can enjoy in this world and take into eternity.

Strawberry Shortcake Supper At Valley Community Church

The final chicken supper of the season will be held at Valley Community Church on Saturday, June 8th.

The menu will once again feature baked chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes, hot gravy, two hot vegetables, tossed salad, rolls with butter, cranberry sauce, olives, pickles, and a beverage.

The dessert table at this last supper will be colorfully filled with light, flaky biscuits, luscious, red, juicy strawberries, and piles of fluffy-white whipped cream.

Continuous servings begin at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The cost is only \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Reservations are very strongly suggested for this strawberry supper by calling the church at 786-2445 or Shirley Taylor at 786-2576.

Plan to come early and stay late while you enjoy great food and fellowship in a friendly, unhurried atmosphere.

Rummage Sale At United Methodist Church



THE AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH recently held a Rummage Sale. Some of those who participated are Mary Buss, Gwen Tamb, Paula Bernier, and Edith Michaud.

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Church News - continued...

Events & Activities At St. David's Church

JOIN THE PEOPLE OF ST. DAVID'S CHURCH AS THEY CELEBRATE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT in worship services June 1st and 2nd.

The church offers a quiet, contemporary service at 5:00 p.m., and a dignified, traditional service Sunday at 8:00 a.m., both held at the church building, 522 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills.

The exuberant renewal service at 10:00 a.m. is held at the Agawam Middle School, and normally features children's Sunday School for grades Pre-K through 8.

This Sunday, however, will be a "Family Service" suitable for worshippers of all ages. There is also nursery care for smaller children, and the service is interpreted for the deaf.

This week's message will look at the ministry of the Lord and His Church, in recognition of the power of the Holy Spirit poured out on Pentecost, remembered this past Sunday.

ST. DAVID'S PARISHIONERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN EXAMINING CANDIDATES FOR BISHOP of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, to be elected on June 29th. Elected delegates from the parish, as well as other interested parishioners, will gather at the Episcopal Cathedral on the Quadrangle in Springfield this Sunday, June 2nd, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. to welcome and interview the six candidates for Bishop.

THE REV. LEN COWAN, PASTOR OF ST. DAVID'S, PLANS TO ATTEND AN ANTI-CASINO RALLY AT THE STATEHOUSE on Monday, June 3rd. For further information about attending the Rally, he urges those interested to contact the Greater Springfield Council of Churches.

FOUR TEENAGED MEMBERS OF ST. DAVID'S WILL BE CONFIRMED at an area-wide service of Confirmation to be held at the Episcopal Cathedral on the Quadrangle in Springfield on Wednesday, June 5th, at 7:00 p.m.

The former Bishop of the Western Massachusetts Episcopal Diocese, Andrew Wissemann, will perform the ceremony. The public is cordially invited to attend.

FORTY MEN FROM ST. DAVID'S, plus 10 friends, WILL ATTEND THE PROMISE-KEEPERS RALLY FOR CHRISTIAN MEN to be held in Syracuse, New York, June 7th and 8th.

Sixty-thousand men are expected to be on hand for these two days of teaching, singing, and encouragement in the Christian life. Those wishing to join the St. David's group should call the parish office as soon as possible.

CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN FOR OUR NEW FACILITY, to be located at 697 Springfield Street. The public is welcome to join us in being "sidewalk superintendents," and we covet your prayers.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR a Building Fundraising Supper on Saturday, June 15th, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., being held at the Italian Sporting Club in Agawam. Contact the Church Office at 786-6133 for tickets or further information.

Check our classified



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"Guest Sunday" On June 2nd At Agawam United Methodist Church

Sunday, June 2nd, is "Guest Sunday" at Agawam United Methodist Church. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

If you have already been invited by a church member, your positive response will be greatly appreciated.

June 2nd brings to an end the formal worship session before the summer vacation. The choir will render a favorite anthem, "Rejoice The Lord Is King!", accompanied by organ and synthesizer.

The message for the day will reflect the Bible teaching on "The stranger that is within thy Gates!" The concern for strangers about and around us, today, is high energy and absorbing.

Sunday, June 9th, is Children's Day. The day is also set for climaxing The Heifer Project. This project will provide help to needy families around the world by the gift of an animal to become a starter farm.

Animals such as a heifer, a pig, a sheep, goats, and chickens have been given. This year, the rabbit will be given. Each rabbit cost \$20.

This is a Sunday School project.

On June 6th, The Rev. Stewart Lanier will meet with the Administrative Council in a special reporting session.

Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours

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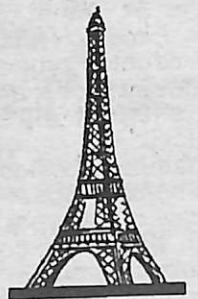


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Spotlight On Business

CarQuest Auto Parts Slates Huge Celebration Sale For Saturday, June 1st

CARQUEST AUTO PARTS will hold a celebration sale on Saturday, June 1st, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at its facility located next to V & F Auto Service at 443 Springfield Street, Agawam (directly across the street from Mac's Soft Serve).

CARQUEST AUTO PARTS owners and operators Vinnie and Frank Palange will be welcoming the addition of Sheila Palange, Frank's wife, as the new office and marketing manager beginning June 1st.

Sheila is leaving her 10-year job in marketing for the THE BIG E to work for the family business.

The Palange family is offering lots of specials on quality CARQUEST Auto Parts throughout the day, many of which are shown in their display ad on the opposite page and in a color flyer that appears in the Thursday, May 30th edition of *The Springfield Union News*.

All sale prices will be good through June 30th at CARQUEST AUTO PARTS.

WMAS will be broadcasting live from CARQUEST AUTO PARTS from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be balloons and prizes for the kids and a free raffle offering great prizes.

So stop on down this Saturday and say hello to the Palange family - Vinnie, Frank, and Sheila and check out their state-of-the-art facility - CARQUEST AUTO PARTS.

Agawam Chamber To "Celebrate Business"

"Celebrating Business ... Past - Present - Future" is the theme of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting, which will be held at the St. Anne Country Club, 781 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills, on Friday, June 7th.

A country brunch of baked ham, scalloped potatoes, quiche, and a variety of sweet rolls, muffins, and fruit will be catered by Ann's Catering Services.

Chamber President Denise Vogel will review the Chamber's past year's activities and present a preview of this year's outlook. Part of her presentation will be welcoming new directors and new Chamber members.

Looking to the future, keynote speaker R. Peter Landon, Senior Vice President of BayBank, will speak on "The Resurgence of Manufacturing in the Pioneer Valley."

For reservations, call the Agawam Chamber at 787-1540.

Stearns & Yerrall Announces Promotions

George R. Yerrall, President of Stearns & Yerrall Realtors, is pleased to announce the following promotions:

Fran Mackintosh of Longmeadow has been named Assistant Manager of the Westfield sales office. Fran has been in real estate for 11 years; she is licensed in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Carl McKenzie has been named Assistant Manager of the Agawam Sales Office. Carl has been a Realtor for 11 years and he currently resides in Agawam.

Barbara Flebotte of Hampden has been named Assistant Manager to the Wilbraham sales office. Barbara holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Westfield State College and a Master of Arts Degree from the University of Connecticut. She has been in real estate for six years and is licensed in both Massachusetts and Connecticut. Barbara also holds the prestigious designations of GRI (Graduate Realtor Institute) and CRS (Certified Residential Specialist).



CARQUEST AUTO PARTS is located at 443 Springfield Street, Agawam, directly next to V & F Auto Service. CARQUEST Auto Parts is having a celebration sale on Saturday, June 1st, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend. There will be balloons and prizes for the kids. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



THE PALANGE FAMILY are the owners and operators of CarQuest Auto Parts at 443 Springfield Street, Agawam. From left - Vinnie, Sheila, and Frank Palange. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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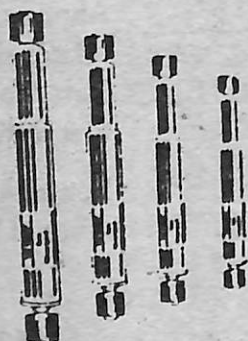
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Spotlight On Business - continued...



JAMES G. HUFFMIRE



CHARLES E. SULLIVAN

Westfield Savings Bank Announces Two New Members Of Bank's Team

Donald A. Williams, President of Westfield Savings Bank, has announced the following changes in the bank's personnel.

James G. Huffmire of Westfield has been named Business Development Manager for Westfield Savings. Huffmire was previously associated with the former Third National Bank and the Bank of New England. He currently serves as President of

the Westfield State College Foundation and is also a trustee and Treasurer of Westfield Academy.

Charles E. Sullivan of West Springfield was recently elected to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of Westfield Savings Bank. A Certified Public Accountant in West Springfield, Sullivan was elected a Trustee of the Bank in 1992. He has served as a Corporator since 1982.

PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. We open weekdays at 6:30 a.m.

MORE Good News For First Time Home Buyers

Westfield Savings Bank has added another \$650,000 in funds available in reduced rate mortgages for First Time Home Buyers. The interest rate is **6.50%**, which equals an Annual Percentage Rate of **8.01%**, for the first through fifth years.* This rate is based on a 5% Down Payment with no points required. The maximum sale price for a single-family home is \$120,000 and \$135,000 for a two-family home.

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Applications for these mortgages will be accepted at all offices of the bank starting at 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 3rd. Mortgage funds will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

For additional information, please contact your nearest office of Westfield Savings Bank.

Westfield Savings Bank

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*After the fifth year, an annual rate review will take place at which time an adjustable rate will apply. Maximum income to qualify for these loans is \$42,000 for single borrowers, and \$52,000 for two or more.

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Whole Butt Tenderloins	\$4.39 Lb.

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Russer German Bologna	\$1.19 Lb.
Russer Virginia Baked Ham	\$2.99 Lb.
Margerita Genoa Salami	\$2.99 Lb.
Carando Mortadella	\$2.49 Lb.
Hudson Turkey Pastrami	\$1.99 Lb.
Hudson Deluxe Skinless Turkey Breast	\$1.99 Lb.

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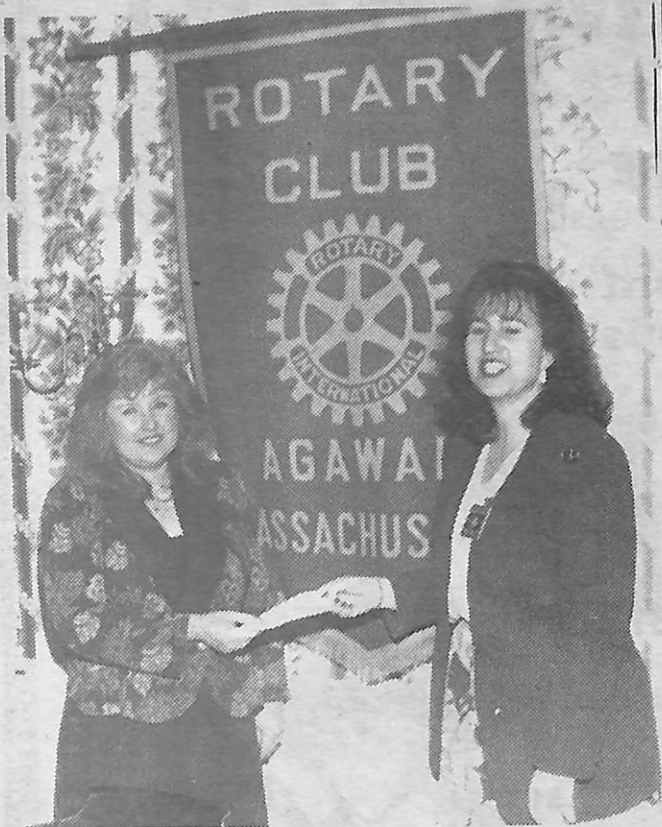
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Easter Seal Donation



THE AGAWAM ROTARY CLUB recently made a contribution of the Massachusetts Easter Seal Society to provide a young handicapped boy, Andy, the opportunity to attend the Summer Camp in Becket, Mass. Rotary President Kathy Ayre (right) presents the donation to Judy Case of the Easter Seal Society at the club's May 16th meeting. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Updates From Agawam Health Department

The Agawam Health Department has established a "Loan Closet" which provides medical equipment to town residents free of charge.

Items available include walkers, canes, crutches, tub seats, elevated toilet seats, wheelchairs, and hospital beds. These items have been donated to the Health Department by town residents.

The only requirement is that the equipment be returned to the Health Department when no longer needed. Items are available on a first come basis.

Please contact Marialyse Rivers, Town Nurse, at 786-0400, ext. 209 if interested.

The Agawam Health Department has announced the following schedule of events:

* Blood Pressure Clinics:

Meadowbrook Manor, first and third Tuesday each month, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Pheasant Hill, second Tuesday of each month, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

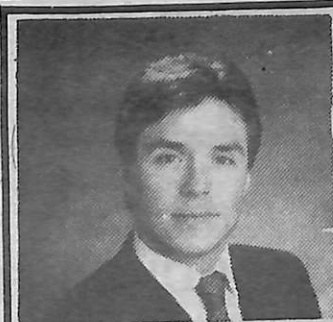
Danahy School House & Congregate, fourth Tuesday of each month, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

* Blood Sugar Clinic:

Meadowbrook Manor, first Friday of each month, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

* Tuberculosis Screening

Mantoux tests are performed free of charge by the Town Nurse at the Health Department, 36 Main Street, Agawam. Tests are performed on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. Please call for an appointment, 786-0400, ext. 209.



Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph S. Schlaffer
Schlaffer
Chiropractic Offices
192 Shoemaker Lane
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Dealing With Neck Pain...

Question: I have a habit of sleeping on my stomach with my head turned to one side. I've been told this is improper. I'm beginning to agree, since I've recently had a stiff neck and occasional numbness in my right arm. Anti-inflammatory medication helps, to a degree. Should I see a chiropractor for this?

Answer: You appear to be describing a cervicobrachial syndrome, meaning the dysfunction and symptoms in your neck and arm are casually related to your neck. Seeking appropriate chiropractic treatment for this condition is advisable.

The underlying cause of this problem is in need of correction. Masking the symptoms of this problem with pain medication will not correct a functional problem in your neck.

The chiropractor is not only interested in relieving your pain. He also wants to correct the underlying cause of the pain, and then help to keep it from coming back. Your chiropractor will take the time to examine your spine and study x-rays of the problem area.

Following the analysis of your condition, a program of care and rehabilitation will be recommended. There may be structural weaknesses, degenerative changes, postural considerations, or other reasons which will affect your rate of recovery.

Should your chiropractor feel it is necessary to consult with another doctor or refer you, it will be done.

Questions may be addressed to the Schlaffer Chiropractic Office at 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, MA — 789-1369.

Diabetes Management Series Is Set For June At Providence Hospital

Providence Hospital's free educational series, "The Management of Diabetes," will begin June 7th. Sessions will be conducted Fridays, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the hospital conference room.

Topics to be covered on June 7th include the signs and symptoms of diabetes, coping with diabetes, and self blood glucose monitoring.

On June 14th, participants will learn about insulin and oral drug use, plus acute complications which may accompany these treatments.

The June 21st presentation will explore acute and chronic complications, and will include a discussion on the importance of foot care.

The series will conclude June 28th with a presentation by a registered dietitian addressing meal planning and the diabetic diet.

A question-and-answer period is part of each class.

Mary Ellen Strzempko, R.N., C.D.E., facilitates the program, which is open to diabetics, their families, and the public. No advance registration is necessary.

For more information, call (413) 539-2938.



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Stretches And Low Back Pain

Chiropractic's philosophy is based on prevention. One of the most effective means to decrease low back pain is four simple exercises to keep the muscles strong and flexible.

Two of these exercises are stretches. The first is a simple knee to chest stretch. Lie flat on your back, bend one knee toward your chest, put both hands behind the knee, and pull the upper leg toward your chest. Hold for 10 seconds.

Release and repeat with the other leg. Relax and repeat two more times. This is a wonderful exercise for relaxing the muscles in the low back and is a great stretch after working in the garden or playing golf all weekend. Perform this stretch upon rising, before bed, and before and after any physical activity.

The next stretch is for the back of the thighs and legs - the hamstrings. These muscles are strong muscles that insert on the pelvis, so when these muscles are too tight, they can create an imbalance in the entire spine.

Lie flat on your back with both knees bent. Put both hands behind your right knee and bring your right leg up to form a 90-degree angle with your body. Then slowly straighten your leg until you feel a mild stretch in the back of your thigh. Hold 10 seconds, repeat on other leg. Rest and repeat two more times. These stretches can also be performed in the sitting position.

These two stretches are very effective in keeping the body balanced. Next week we will discuss two simple strengthening exercises for the low back to keep it strong and pain-free. If you have any questions regarding these stretches, please contact our office.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

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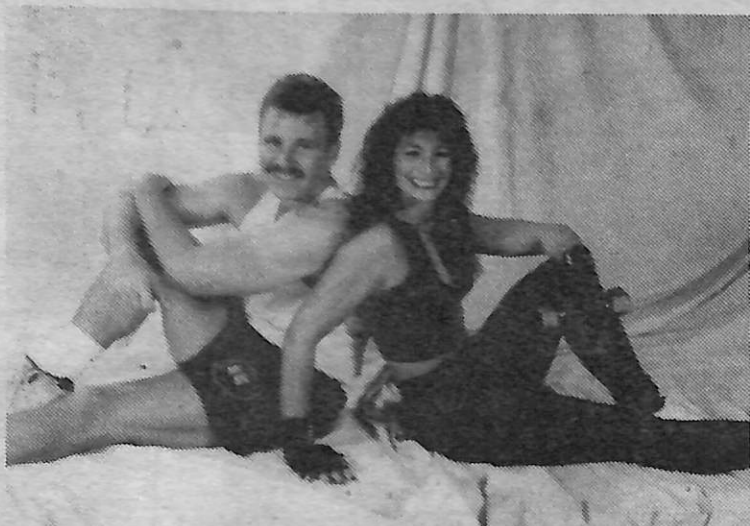
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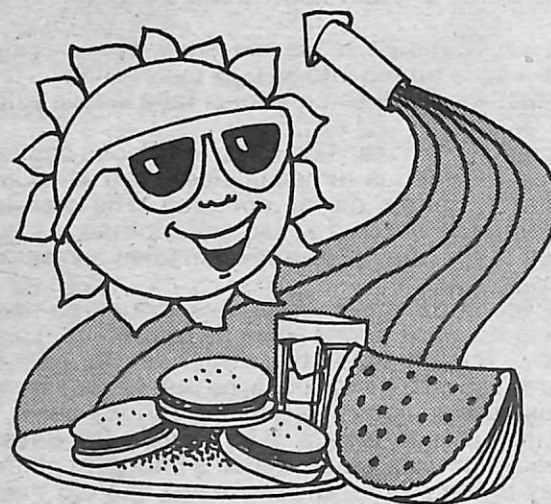
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Arts



SCOTT BELISLE of Agawam plays the Beast and Prince to Betsy Ingraham's Beauty in the Red Door Theatre's encore presentation of "Beauty and the Beast," to be staged on Sunday, June 9th.

'Beauty & The Beast' To Be Presented By STAGE's Teen Theatre

STAGE's Teen Theatre Ensemble will present "Beauty & the Beast" for one performance only on Sunday, June 9th, at 2:00 p.m. at The Red Door Theatre, 152 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

"Beauty & the Beast" is the story of a greedy prince who is turned into an ugly beast and will remain that way until some woman falls in love with him.

Secluded from mankind in his enormous castle, the Beast's world is turned upside down when an old man stumbles on his doorstep. The man is taken into the castle and fed and clothed. As he readies to resume his journey, he spies a vase of red roses.

His young daughter, Belle, has requested that he bring her back a rose when he returns from his journey. Thinking that the owner of the castle would not mind if he took one, he pulls a rose from the vase and is confronted by the furious beast.

As the old man pleads to be spared, the Beast agrees but insists that the man's daughter come to stay in the castle. Disheartened, the old man agrees and young Belle comes to stay with the Beast. The transformation of the Beast has enchanted people everywhere for centuries.

The Teen Theatre Ensemble is a group of young people ages 16 to 20 who are seasoned performers. This group presents classic fairy tales suitable for the very young child. Their performance of "Rapunzel" played to sold-out audiences who also had the opportunity following the performance to meet and greet the actors.

Tickets for "Beauty & the Beast" are \$4 and can be reserved by calling 789-2026.

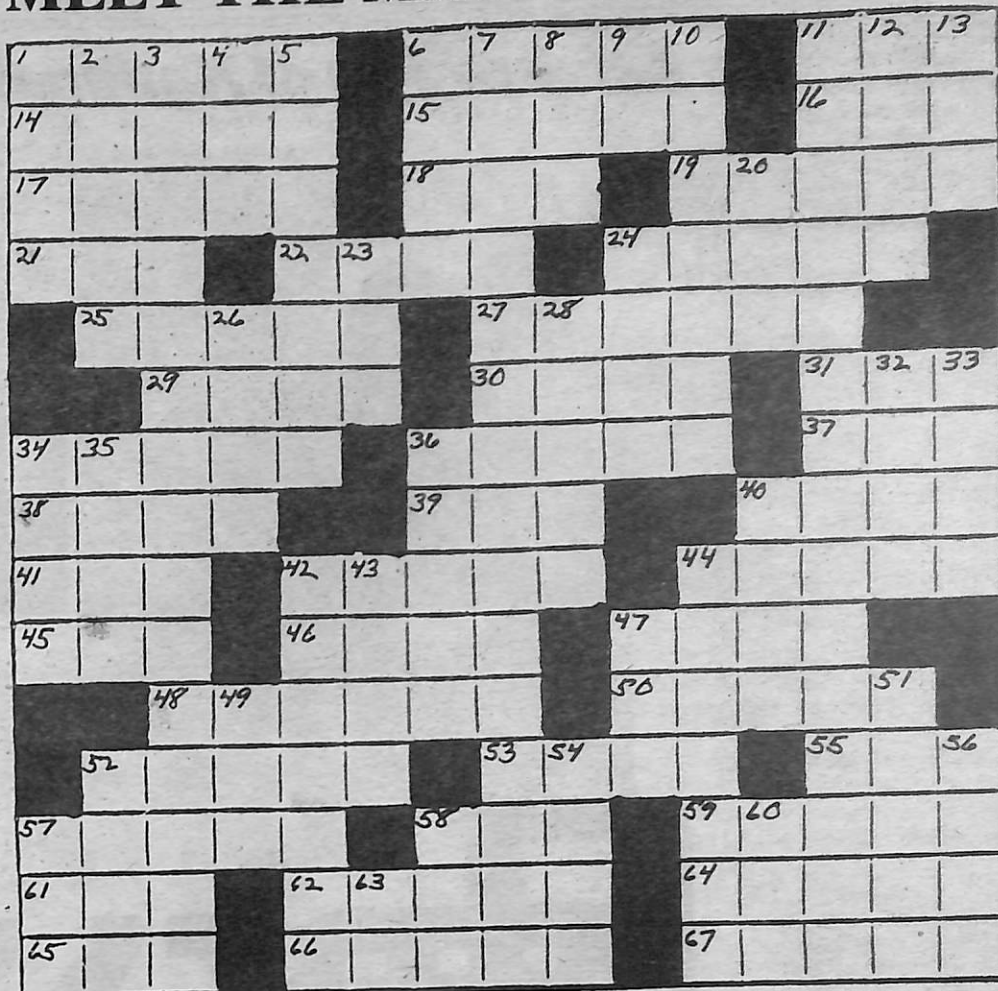
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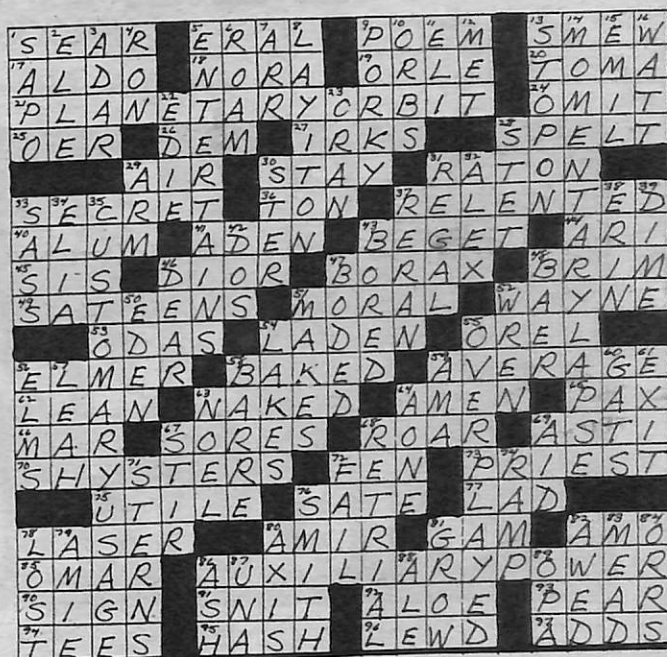
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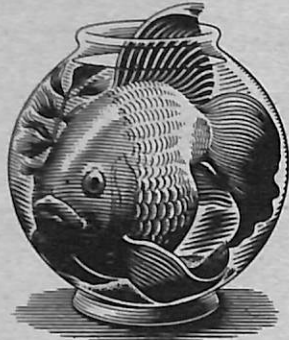
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Education

Second Graders At Robinson Park Tackle 1st Reports

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Second grade teachers Kathy Breuninger and Anna Crean found a way to take the terror out of the (no longer!) dreaded first book report. The secret? Start with a celebrity guest, and end with kids up to their elbows in playdough, paints, and art supplies working on creative projects with a little help from mom and dad.

It began with a visit from the children's librarian and ended with an explosion of creativity to display in the school's main showcase as the children got better acquainted with children's author Steven Kellogg.

Miss Breuninger said the children were excited to have Agawam Children's Librarian Jeanne Hoffman introduce them to a new author and to listen to three of his stories.

"Mrs. Hoffman always holds their attention and they're always excited to see her," Miss Breuninger said. "Most of them remember her from story hour at the library."

The children in both classrooms read books and stories by Kellogg, gave oral book reports, and worked at home on creative projects to illustrate a scene from their story.

Miss Breuninger said, "We chose this author for their first book report because he has a wide range of books for a wide range of interests and reading levels."

With some hints and suggestions from their teachers, the children turned their imaginations loose by using everything from clay and cardboard to sand-laced playdough and paint to produce dioramas, posters, and drawings.

"We gave them some ideas, but they could do anything they wanted," Mrs. Crean said.

Student **Christina Graziano** wallpapered a shoe box to create a room setting for her scene from "Can I Keep Him?" **Sarah Bulmer** and **Joseph McDyer** both worked with their mothers on projects depicting scenes from "The Island of the Skog."

"My mom and I made the playdough from water, flour, and salt," Joseph said. "We put sand in for the beach and put a giant footprint in the sand."

Joseph Rheault used crayons to draw a poster of four scenes from his story, and **Paige Roberts** used twigs dotted with red bits of clay as the apple trees in her project on "Johnny Appleseed."

The kids agreed that the best part of the assignment was working on their projects with their parents and listening to their classmates tell about the stories they had read. Listening to the oral book reports made them want more of Kellogg's funny, exciting stories to read, the kids said.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, June 3rd: Pepperoni-topped pizza, tossed garden salad with creamy Italian dressing, chilled rosy applesauce, milk.

Tuesday, June 4th: Steamed frankfort in roll, Boston baked beans, oven potato puffs, chocolate pudding with topping or diced chilled pears, milk.

Wednesday, June 5th: Baked cheese ravioli with tomato sauce, seasoned broccoli cuts, Italian bread & butter, raspberry jello with topping or fruit cut, milk.

Thursday, June 6th: Cup of orange juice, cold cut sandwich in roll with slice of cheese, mustard & mayonnaise, oven French fries, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Friday, June 7th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, seasoned mixed vegetables, ice cream cup, milk.

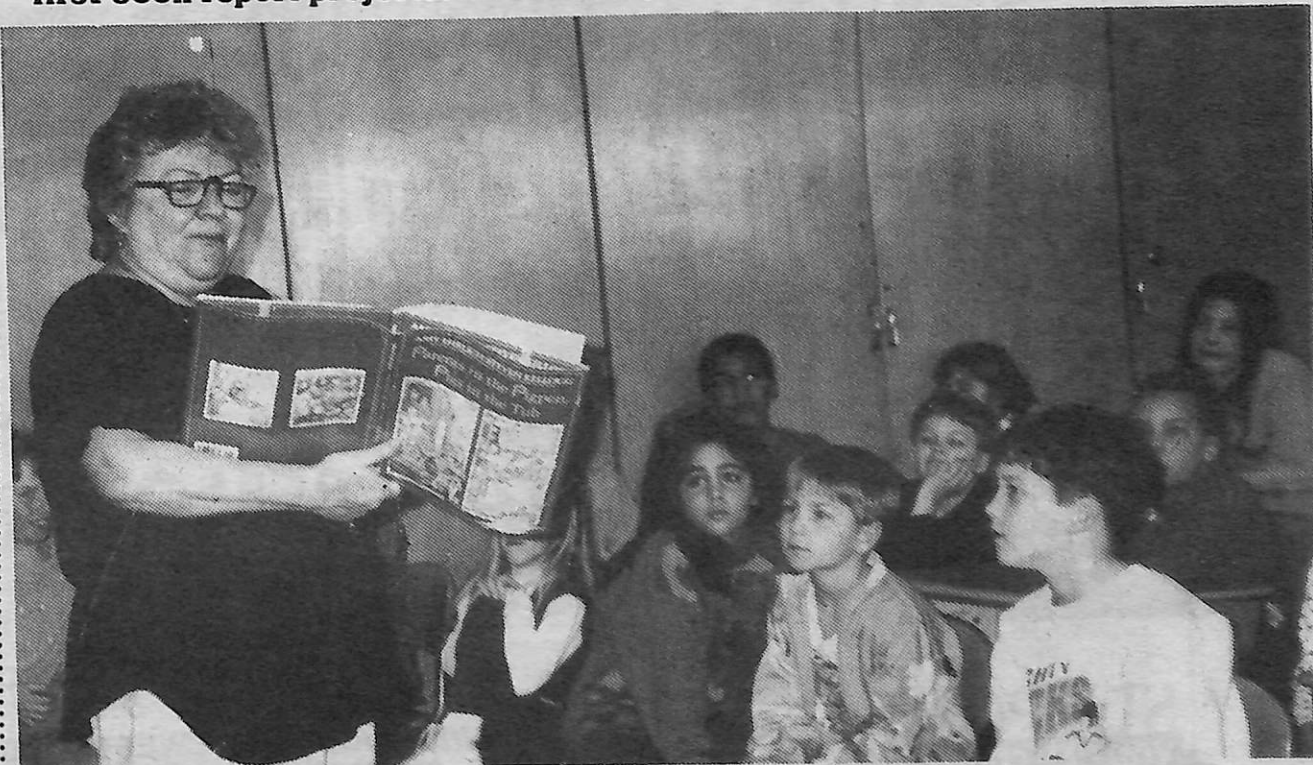
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ROOM FOUR SECOND GRADERS at Robinson Park School display their first book report projects. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ROOM THREE SECOND GRADERS at Robinson Park School display their first book report projects. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN Jeanne Hoffman reads to Robinson Park second graders who were recently doing their first book report.

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UNICO To Award Annual Scholarships At Awards Dinner

On Wednesday, June 12th, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO NATIONAL will award its annual scholarships to High School student seniors of Italian extraction.

Scholarship Chairman S. Thomas Martinelli announced that six Agawam youths will be the recipients. They are **Lawrence Scherpa**, 24 Tower Terrace, Agawam; **Gina Cincotta**, 54 Barney St., Agawam; **Rosemarie Oppedisano**, 39 Oriole Dr., Feeding Hills; **Danielle LaBarre**, 1214 North St. Ext., Feeding Hills; **Theodore Gontczaruk**, 36 Rosie Lane, Agawam; **Alfred J. Albano**, 112 Robin Ridge Drive, Feeding Hills.

In addition, a special award named after the late NFL football star Brian Piccolo will be given out by UNICO. This year's scholar-athlete recipient is **Christopher M. Chechile** of 56 Liquori Drive, Feeding Hills.

The awards will be made at a dinner to be held at Ferruccio's Restaurant, 1520 Main St., Agawam. All interested persons may attend the dinner and awards ceremony. The charge for the dinner is \$17.50 per person with any excess over costs going to the Scholarship Fund.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:00 p.m.

Annual "Jazz Night" Concert Slated At AHS For June 4th

The Agawam Junior High and Senior High Jazz Bands will perform in the annual "Jazz Night" concert to be held outdoors in the High School circle on Tuesday, June 4, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

The concert is free and will be held in the auditorium in the event of rain.

Agawam High June Calendar

June 4th: Graduation Rehearsal - Symphony Hall, 9:00 a.m.

June 5th: Senior Breakfast - Polish Club, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

June 6th: Senior Awards Night - AHS.

June 7th: Class of 1996 - Senior Class Picnic, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at High Meadows.

June 9th: Class of 1996 - Graduation.

GUIDANCE (dates to be announced):

- AP Exams.

- Visit incoming ninth grade classrooms at Junior High.

Best local news...

Teacher Appreciation Day At Phelps School



TEACHERS AT PHELPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL were "appreciated" with a special luncheon earlier this month. IN TOP PHOTO (top row) Bob Shea and Sue Murphy. Seated - Janet Wysocki, Beth Robinson, and Sue Dukeshire. IN PHOTO BELOW, from left - Ann Bellico, Jane L. Sauter, Paddy Marsh, and Patricia Bulat. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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FORMER AGAWAM HIGH MUSIC Director Darcy B. Davis was honored recently by members of the Agawam Band Parents Association for his many years of dedicated service to music in the Agawam Schools. Above, Davis receives a plaque from Band Parents President Julie Smist as Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder looks on. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Free Pony Rides At Agawam Lib. June 8th

Agawam and Feeding Hills youngsters aged three to seven are invited to the Agawam Public Library on Saturday, June 8th between 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a free pony ride on the library lawn, courtesy of Aspen Hill Stables of Feeding Hills.

Your Agawam library card is your ticket for the ride. Any child of any age can become a cardholder by registering at the circulation desk. (Please do so before June 8th, if you haven't already.)

School Committee To Hold Workshop Mtg.

The Agawam School Committee will hold a workshop meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 1996 in the Superintendent's Conference Room, Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, to discuss time and learning.

The time of the workshop will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Happy 16th, Ali



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Auction Held By Agawam Band Parents



THE AGAWAM HIGH BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION held a Spring Auction recently in the school cafeteria. From left - Shawn Sherry and Jason Reed, both AHS Band members, and Band Parents Bonnie Krapf and Judi Clini. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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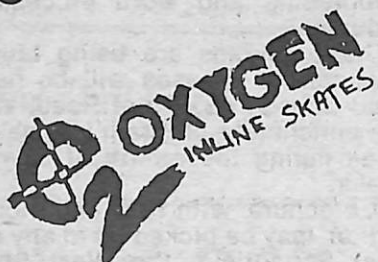
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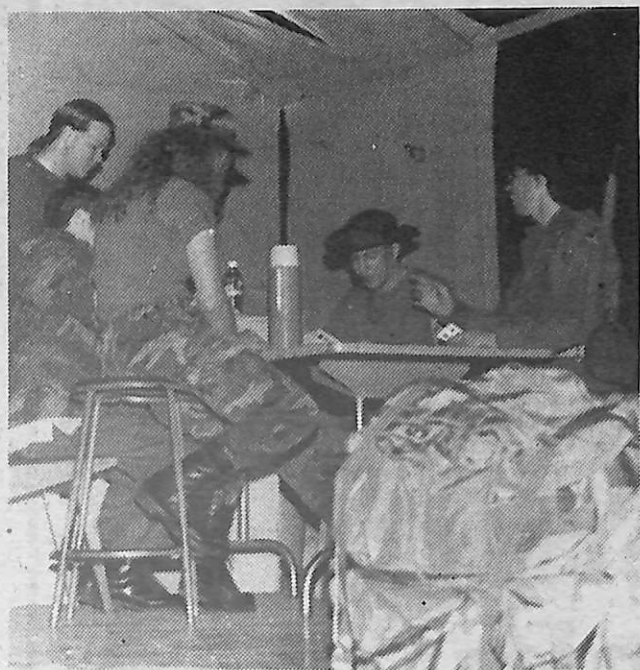
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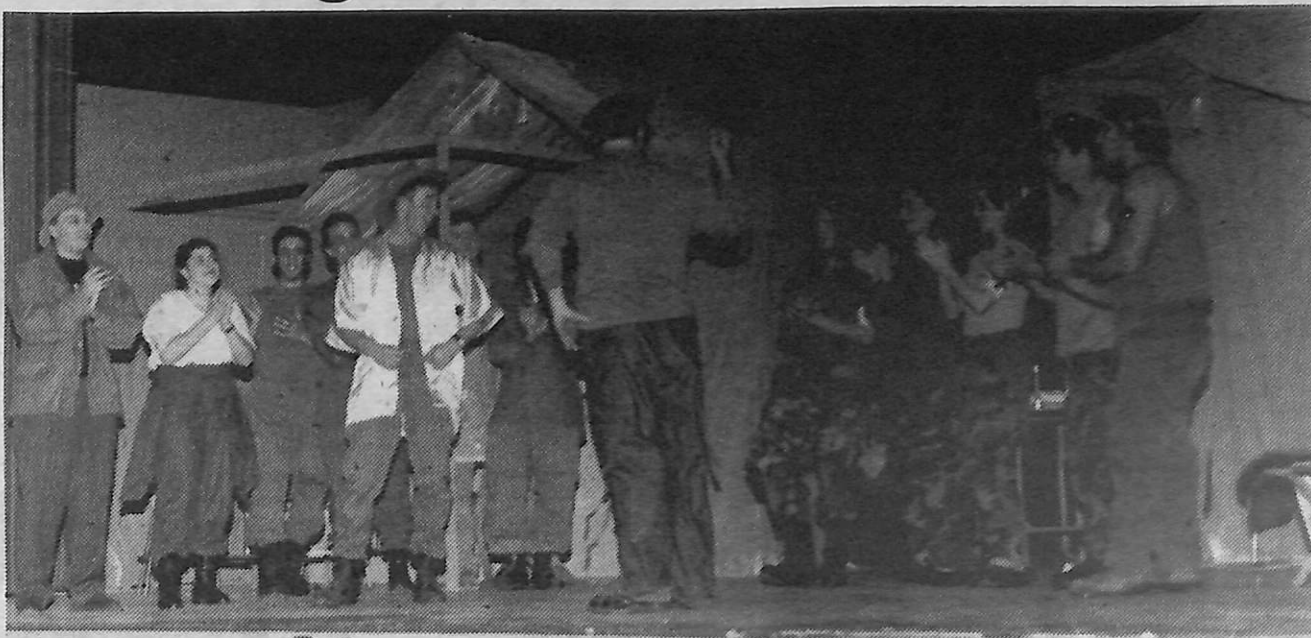
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M*A*S*H A Smashing Hit For AHS Theatre



AGAWAM HIGH cast members of *M*A*S*H* play a round of poker during a scene from the popular comedy/drama about a Korean War Mobile Army Surgical Hospital.

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THEATER STUDENTS OF FACULTY MEMBER MARGO POULIN staged the Korean War comedy/drama *M*A*S*H* on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, May 15th and 16th. And judging from the reaction of the audiences, the play was considered a big hit for both Mrs. Poulin and her students. A total of 34 AHS students were listed as cast members. Dan Viens was the student director and Claudine Nofall assisted Mrs. Poulin with the directing.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

West Springfield Announces Summer Enrichment Program

Ellen Follett, principal of the West Springfield Summer School, announces the start of registration for Enrichment Courses that will be offered in the summer school program. A wide variety of classes are being offered.

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These courses are being taught by certified teachers. All classes will be held at the Piper Road School, 425 Piper Road, West Springfield. The enrichment program will be given at various times during the month of July for one to two weeks.

A brochure, with fees and more specific information, may be picked up at any of the schools in West Springfield, the West Springfield Public Library, or the West Springfield School Department located on Central Street.

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PERRY LANE NURSERY SCHOOL recently hosted a pre-school carnival in honor the "The Week Of The Young Child" at Perry Lane Park. All Agawam preschools were invited to participate. **IN PHOTO LEFT** teacher Michelle Ferreira looks on as children try their hands at the Octopus Toss. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson presents a proclamation noting the week celebration to Gina Frasco (center), nursery school director. Looking on is Mary Keller, Parks & Recreation director.



AN AGAWAM PRE-SCHOOLER looks very determined at the "Blockbuster" booth at the recent carnival celebrating "The Week Of The Young Child" at Perry Lane Park. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, looking like clowns are Kevin Afonso, Olivia Henry, and Caroline Henry.

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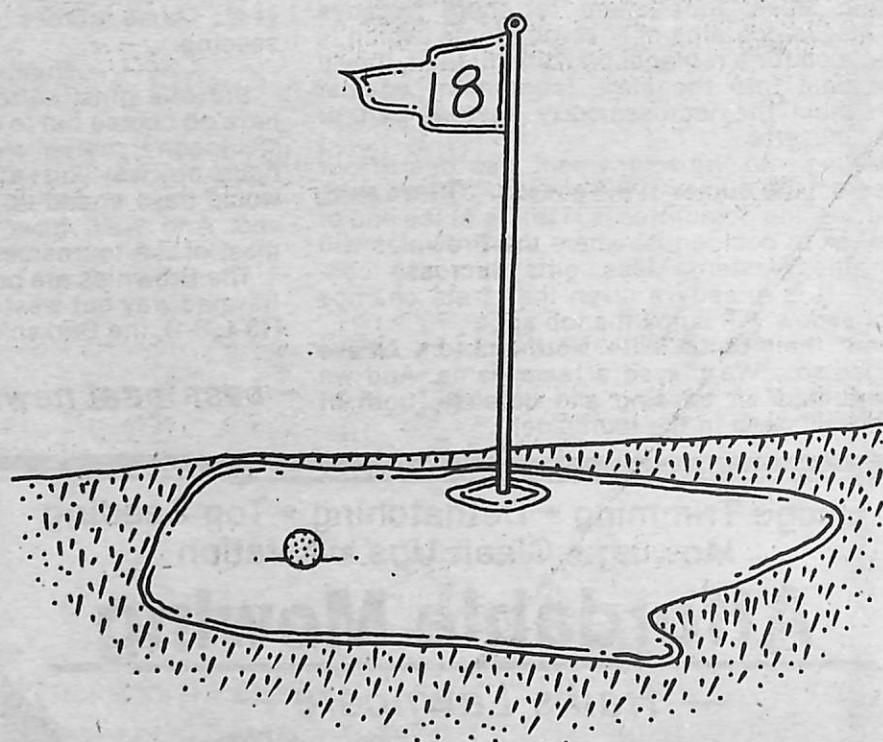
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Sports

AHS Lacrosse Makes Schoolgirl State Tournament

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Getting to a tournament is a fitting end to any team's regular season of competition. The Agawam High girls' lacrosse team will do just that. In their first season as a varsity sport at AHS, they'll be headed to the state playoffs.

They had to beat or tie Northampton last Friday afternoon to reach the 'states.' Not only did they win, they dominated 'Hamp, 19-1.

The issue was never in doubt. They'd dumped the Devils 14-6 earlier in the season. And the beat simply went on. Forty seconds into the game, the homestanding Brownies rung up their first score. It came off the crosse (stick) of Jill Demarco (2 goals, 1 assist). Demarco was coming off a six goal game the previous day against South Hadley.

"She has a nose for the goal," girls' lacrosse Coach Cindy Grieve noted. A minute later, Danielle DiDonato (3 goals) hit the back of the net. A minute after that, Jessica Przybyla (3 goals, 3 assists) stuck one by the Northampton goalie to make it 3-0. The Brownie faithful on hand had no doubt then that the rout was on.

Slam-Dunk Lacrosse

Agawam did the deed by playing slam dunk lacrosse. They continually split the Blue Devil defense. Every one of their scores came in front of the 'Hamp net from no further out than 10 feet. Agawam also showed more aggressiveness, not only offensively, but on defense as well.

Gina Cincotta, Lindy Gage (2 goals), Demarco, Diane Parslow, and Rita Remshamwala (1 goal, 1 assist) stood out in that aspect of the game. They were quicker to the ball and their anticipation allowed them to disrupt the Northampton passing game at will.

Agawam also had players continually hovering around the 'Hamp net. The Blue Devil defenders failed time and again to pick them up. The situation made for an effective Brownie passing game deep in the Northampton zone.

Tory Gleason scored 'Hamp's lone goal with 1:30 seconds left in the first half. It was the only time all afternoon Brownie starting keeper Alison Pratt (4 saves) was tested.

The score stood at 13-1, Agawam, at the half-time horn.

The second 25 minutes, now kept in running time because of the score, saw little change - Agawam was working picks and sending cutter after cutter streaking in front of the 'Hamp goal. The Devils became even more bedeviled, as they saw their season record fall to 1-11.

Agawam's record is 6-5-1. There will be no Western Mass. tournament for them because their league contains only seven teams (which is not enough for a regional playoff). Instead, they'll go straight into the state tournament against teams from the lacrosse-crazy eastern part of Massachusetts.

"Getting into the tournament was one of our goals from the outset of the season," Grieve said.

The seeding committee is meeting at the end of this week to decide just where the Brownies will be in the Western Mass. girls' lacrosse contingent. It is already a given that state champs Longmeadow will enjoy the top spot.

About their battle with Northampton, Grieve commented, "We played a team game. And we concentrated on passing and defense, both of which we'll need in the tournament."

Agawam High School Girls Win First Western Massachusetts Track Title

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

At the start of the Spring Sports Season, Agawam High girls' track Coach Dean Vecchiarelli had a notion that he was onto something good. Sixty-five athletes showed up, a heck of a lot more than he's ever had in his three seasons at the helm of the girls' track team.

Vec had the right notion. Not only did his team finish the season at 8-1 and a tie with Northampton for the Valley League title, they also came out big winners at last Saturday's Western Mass. Tournament. Their 93 points was good enough to finish first over Cathedral (83 points), Northampton (71 points), and a host of other fine track and field teams from the region.

Vec admitted that all of his kids who were expected to do well did just that. Danielle DiStefano won the 100 meters (13.3") and was part of the winning Agawam 4x100 meter relay team along with Kara McDade, Aimee Loudfoot, and Melissa Fleming (51.4). She finished second in the triple jump (32'11").

Sue DeFilipi, who is headed for WNEC next season where she hopes to play soccer, took the high jump (5'3") and the 400 meters (62.8). She also anchored the 4x400 relay team along with Barbara Maloni, Jen Stratton, and Ellamarie Atkins to a second place finish in a time of 4:24.

Maloni had another personal best (48.4) in the 300 meter low hurdles. Her time was good enough for second place. She was beaten by 'Hamp's

Tabitha Pyles, who finished in a meet record-tying time of 46.2. Barbara has lost twice this season in the 300's. Both of them have come courtesy of the Blue Devil senior. But Maloni, remember, is just a freshman.

"It was our underneath scoring that got the win," Vec noted. The kids who stepped up included (sophomore) Loudfoot, who finished fourth in the 100 meters with a time of 13.7. She was complimented nicely by Stratton's 64.3 in the 400, which was good enough for sixth in that event. "Jen just keeps getting stronger," Vec noted. Fleming (27.8) grabbed a third in the 200 meter run.

Senior Jamie Thomas won the discus at 99-11 feet. Jennie Vangys came up big in that event, with a heave of 85-4 and fifth place.

The Brownies also scored points in the 4x800 meter relay - an event they don't have at AHS. Cindi Alfano, Sarah Cote, Megan Conkey, and Amber Paradysz finished up in third place with a time of 10:57.2.

The Western Mass. title doesn't mean the end of the Brownies' season. This Saturday they are off to Bridgewater State College for the state meet. DeFilipi (high jump, 400 meters), DiStefano (100 meters, triple jump, 4x100), Thomas (discus), Maloni (300 low hurdles, 4x100) will be among those representing the orange and brown.

Brownie Softball Heading Into Tourney With Expectations Of Retaining Title

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' softball team (17-3, 7-1) begins defense of its Western Mass. title this week. As fate would have it, they may be seeded second in the tournament. Northampton, the Valley Wheel champs (17-1, 8-0) will in all likelihood, grab the top spot.

It doesn't seem fair, though. The Brownies easily handled the Blue Devils during the regular season, beating them 10-4 back on April 12th. But the seedings will be decided on winning percentages. 'Hamp has the edge there with only one loss in their 18-game schedule. Agawam had only one loss in its Western Mass. campaign (to Valley League rival Westfield).

But the Brownies, always on the lookout for top competition wherever it might be, dropped games to Eastern Mass. powerhouse Amesbury and state Division I champion Bishop Fenwick during a trip to a Cape Cod tournament earlier in the year. Those games will figure into Agawam's seeding.

Number Two Slot

Brownie girls' softball Coach Deb Lickley will have no choice but to accept the number two slot. "It doesn't matter all that much," she said. "I figure any way you set up the draw, most likely we would have ended up facing Northampton in the end. And we'll have home field advantage for most of the tournament."

The Brownies are practicing all this week. They traveled way out west to scrimmage Mt. Greylock (13-4, 8-1), the Berkshire County South champs. It

marked the third time this season Agawam has held a practice game against them. "They've won the Division II Western Mass. title four years in a row. They're good competition for us," Lickley observed.

They'll practice hard on several aspects of their game. "First, we have to understand completely that we're a marked team. No one will role over for us. We also have to make sure everyone steps up and contributes. We can't just expect a few kids to excel all the time," the coach noted.

They'll also continue to work on something Lickley continually emphasizes - fundamentals. "We'll bunt and bunt some more. We'll tune up our running game. We'll be at our best and play with pride," she said.

Agawam will have Laura Rapa in the circle for the playoffs. The senior right-hander has rung up an impressive 10-2 record this year. Behind her will be junior Danielle Curley (6-1). As usual, they'll have a strong supporting cast, including all Western Mass. shortstop Kristin Patterson, catcher Courtne Hyland, second sacker Becky Wing, and leftfielder Erica Pratt, among others.

"We had two goals when the season started: one was to win the league title, the other was to take the Western Mass. crown for the second year in a row," Lickley said. At presstime, the Brownies are halfway to their goal.

They'll go into the playoffs healthy and sporting that positive attitude which is the signature of Agawam girls' softball.

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Agawam Council On Aging Slates First Annual Golf Tourney

The Agawam Council on Aging will be holding its first Annual Golf Tournament on Tuesday, June 18, 1996 at the Agawam Country Club. Proceeds from the event will go towards purchasing a new 10-passenger van for the Center's transportation program.

"We need to replace our 10-passenger van, which has 140,000 miles on it. As local businesses have profited from many of the trips provided, we are looking to them to be extremely supportive," said Charles Heyl, chairman of the Golf Tournament Committee.

Tees and greens signs are \$25. A foursome, including cart and a light lunch, is \$100.

"The rides we provide are crucial medical trips, food shopping, and therapies. These are just a few of the destinations," said Heyl.

Persons and businesses wishing to participate in the event should call Richard Mundo, Executive Director of the Council on Aging at 786-0400, ext. 242.

Agawam Little League UPDATE

ATHLETICS 4, METS 2

Tuesday, May 14th saw the Athletics, led by Coach William Menard, defeat the Mets in a close match-up. The Mets jumped out to an early lead, and the score was 2-0 after the first two innings.

However, it was obvious that this one was going to be a pitcher's duel. On the mound for the Mets was ace Matt Picard, and hurling for the A's was Billy Menard. Both pitchers went the distance in this one, with quite a few strikeouts apiece during the middle innings.

However, Picard could not hold onto his lead and in fact, it was Billy Menard's two-run homerun to leftcenter in the bottom of the fifth that proved to be the game winner for the A's.

ROYALS 14, INDIANS 2

This game on Friday, May 17th was all Royals from the start, with Brandon Donovan on the mound for the Indians trying to cool off their hot bats.

However, Vin Moretti (who also pitched a great game for the Royals) stepped up to the plate in the bottom of the second to lead off a four-run inning by the Royals. He hit an RBI triple, and capped it off two pitches later by stealing home.

Also, an RBI single by Sean Burke highlighted the inning. Meanwhile, Mike McGeogean came on in relief for Donovan in the third, and immediately produced two nice strikeouts, followed by a base-on-balls, and then finally a third "K" to end the inning.

This would not be enough, as the Royals' bats exploded once again in the fourth with base hits by Joe Clark, Joe Colcott, Joe Bonini, Sean Burke, and capped off by Bruce Leclair's inside-the-park homerun hit deep into right centerfield.

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Soccer Sign-Ups Held By ASA



THE AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION recently held its sign-ups for the 1996 fall in-town and Pioneer Valley soccer season. Helping out with the signups were Dave Boisvert (center) and Steve Fox. Signing-up for the season was James Evans (left). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Longhi's Par Three A Golfer's Delight!

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Golf is a tough game. If you are ever going to be good at it, you have to practice. There are few places to do that. But we found one. It is, without a doubt, one of the best practice courses in Western Mass.

The name **LONGHI'S PAR THREE**. It's located in Southwick on Route 57. It's off the road a bit. But you will have a blast tuning up your game here.

They start out with a mini-golf course. It's state-of-the-art. It revolves around a rock foundation. "We trucked them all in," course superintendent Jim Longhi noted. The driving range is the same. It is set in a field that would do John Daly proud. The ground is pure grass. They have yardage markers that no one can miss. There are about 15 tee set-ups. When you hit the ball, you will see exactly where it goes.

But the crown in this jewel is the par three course. It is a nine hole links set-up. It runs through the woods. It has tee set-ups for both men and women.

It was built with practice in mind. Longhi, who comes from a family of construction people, described the course. "We put South Shore bent grass on the greens. We did it to supply a consistent putting surface. When you putt here, everything is a true roll. On our fairways, we have a mix of bluegrass, rye, and fescue. We cut our aprons around the greens to three-quarters of an inch. This is not a chip and putt course. You come here and learn the short game. Your overall game will be better for what you learn here."

This course is set-up over 125 acres. The driving range takes up 12 of those.

This is also a course designed for an entire family. "You can bring the kids here and start from the mini-golf layout. You can practice your drive and go to the par three," Longhi said. "We have a pro here. Whatever you want to learn, he can teach you," he added.

What is the price you have to pay for this course? Not much. A bucket of balls will cost you \$3, \$4, or \$5, depending upon the size. The mini-golf will be \$3 for the kids and \$4 for the adults.

Par 3 costs are \$6 on weekdays for nine holes; \$7 on weekends for nine holes; and \$1 for pullcarts.



LONGHI'S PAR THREE, located on Rte. 57 in Southwick, is owned and operated by the Longhi family. **IN PHOTO LEFT**, owner Jim Longhi chats with Jim Modzelesky, the head pro at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills; **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, Peter Thompson and Dick McBride practice their putting. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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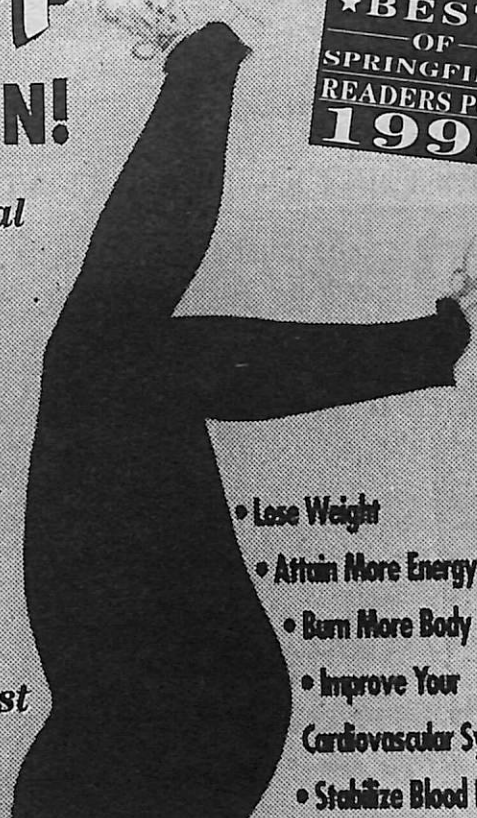
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Brownies Suffer A Tough Baseball Loss To Central

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

There is no way to describe the Agawam High boys' 5-4 baseball loss to Central High last Saturday. You can call it tough luck. You can use the worn-out cliché - "If ifs and buts were candies and nuts, it would be a great Christmas."

You can say, "Well, they can't win them all." But the reality is this - the Brownie hardballers lost a game they should have won. They squandered a tough pitching performance by Jon Jacobsen (7 IP, 7 hits, 5 runs, 3 earned, 7 K's, 3 walks, 3.00 ERA). They lost the game on the heels of a 5-4, heartbreaking, last-inning defeat to Comp. They had memories of a 3-0 shutout at the hands of Cathedral before the 'Comp game dancing in their heads. They were riding a two-game losing streak coming in.

Going out it was three in a row and not a good omen for a team heading to the Western Mass. Tournament for the first time in a while.

The way they lost it was bad Karma all around. It will hurt their seeding in the playoffs. It was simply an unfortunate defeat.

'Jake' started. He might not have had his best stuff. But Central (11-8, 2-5), a team they beat 4-0 earlier in the year, isn't a team you need to beat with your best stuff. And 'Jake,' even without his 87 mile an hour heater, is better than most. But you'll have a hard time beating anyone, even if you're juggling up the gun to 100 miles an hour, when your defense doesn't give you a whole lot of support.

'Jake' had the Golden Eagles in control until the fourth (he'd allowed only one hit). Then, his 'D' came up and bit him. A single put Central football star Aaron Senez (defensive back) on first. The next man up skyed to left. After that, Senez used his speed to steal second.

First baseman Gavin Clark stepped in. He rapped a Jacobsen offering to short. It had more hops on it than an Easter Bunny and produced an error. Senez streaked home on a ball that should have gone 6-3. That was the Eagles' first unearned run.

Central's Second Unearned Run

Rick Lunsford was next in the box. He slapped a routine single to right. The ball died and didn't come up to the Brownie rightfielder. It was a single and an error all the way, sending Lunsford to third and Clark home with Central's second unearned run of the game.

'Jake' blew the next hitter away with a major league strikeout. Then the big right-hander got touched up with a triple off the bat of shortstop Ian Kelly. It was a hard hit gapper to left center. Lunsford scored. That would be the only earned run of the inning. The score was 3-0, Central.

The Brownie faithful on hand were starting to sweat. But the kids, for the moment at least, put their fears to bed in the sixth inning. Chris Chechile (2-4, including a double, 1 run scored) slapped a single to right. Then Jimmy Baldyga (1-2, 1 run scored, 1 RBI) drilled a ground rule double to center, scoring Chechile.

Bryan Menard stepped in and promptly sent a shot to left-center. It turned into a double and sent Baldyga to the plate. Jacobsen (2-4, 1 run scored, 1 RBI) helped his cause with a line single to left. Dom Pisano drew a walk. Todd Jorgensen (2-3, 1 RBI) singled, to drive in 'Jake,' who had gone to third on the attempt to get Menard at the plate. Agawam took a 4-3 lead into the seventh.

Jake gave up two straight singles. Then, with two outs and two on, Senez stepped to the plate. He delivered again, this time it was a two-run triple to deep center. Agawam was suddenly down 5-4, heading into its half of the seventh.

The Brownies did have a chance. They had Baldyga and Jacobsen on with one out. But they couldn't get those two across.

Agawam finished the regular season at 12-8, 3-5. Central, after falling to unbeaten Cathedral Monday, finished up at 11-9, 2-5.

The three straight season-ending losses racked up by the Brownies will make for some tough tournament travel. The seeds will be out at the end of this week. There's no doubt they'll meet a top seed long before the championship round.

ASGA To Hold Car Wash & Tag Sale

ASGA (Agawam Senior Games Athletes) will hold a Car Wash/Tag Sale at the Agawam Senior Center on Saturday, June 1, 1996 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Come one, come all!! Donations of sale items are being sought for the tag sale.

For further information or to donate items, call Angelo Polumbo at 786-5648 or Vi Presz at 786-3164.



BACK ROW: Jeff Lyman, Ted Lee, Coach Bill Spear, Scott Litchfield, Tim Drenzek, and T.J. Gontczaruk. FRONT ROW: Brett Demers, Jeff Machia, Mike Freeman, Kyle Rossi, and Bill Bellico. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Boys' Tennis Team Loses Tough Game To Central High

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam boys' tennis team lost another tough one last Thursday, 3-2 to the Central Golden Eagles. It was the sixth time in 10 matches so far this season that they've lost by that score.

First singles saw Agawam lefty Mike Freeman take on Dhafir Jihad. Mike lost the first set, 6-2. He fell in the second, 7-5. "I just couldn't get my serve in with any consistency," he said. Freeman employs a Western grip on his forehand, which gets a lot of top spin on the ball. It's his best stroke and he tried to use it whenever possible. Jihad, however, made Mike chase down a lot of balls. The effort took its toll on the Brownie.

Agawam's Jeff Lyman lost his second singles battle to Hassar Borlet, 6-1, 6-3. Both players used strong, two-fisted backhands. Borlet was able to keep Lyman pinned down at the baseline for most of the match. And the Golden Eagle also came to the net whenever he got the chance.

Exciting Third Singles

Third singles was exciting. Agawam's Ted Lee took his opponent, Matt Dawson, to three sets before losing, 6-7 (7-2), 7-5, 4-6.

Lee, who puts some heavy underspin on both his forehand and two-fisted backhand, played his usual, steady baseline game. Dawson, however,

played a bit more at the net. His volleys made the difference.

The Brownies picked up their two victories in the doubles competition. First doubles went to Kyle Rossi and Brett Demers, 7-6 (9-7), 5-7, 7-6 (8-6). Rossi had some good free-swinging points mixed in with some good net play. Demers took some important points at the net. Agawam was stronger on serve in this one.

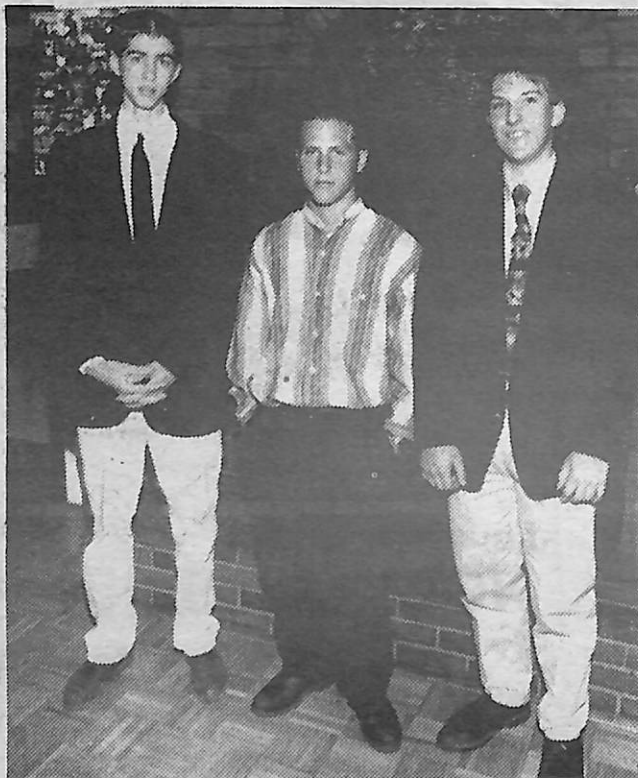
And the combination of a lefty (Demers) and a righty (Rossi) meant for much of the match, they'd have forehands down the middle, which helps in doubles.

Another Good One In Second Doubles

Second doubles saw another good one. Bill Bellico and senior T.J. Gontczaruk (playing his last varsity home match) beat their opponents, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6). It was a baseline battle that put a premium on steady play. The two Brownies were just a little bit better shot-makers in that department than the Golden Eagles.

Agawam has a match with Ludlow this week to end up its season. They are currently 1-10. Boys' tennis Coach Bill Spear is pleased with his team. "They are young and improving. I look for really good things from them next season," he said.

AHS Hockey Players Honored



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH 1995-1996 hockey team gathered for a banquet recently at Ferruccio's banquet house on Main Street. From left - Trevor Brown, Matt Radwanski, and Coach John Cirelli - in photo right, graduating seniors Keith Daubmann, Derek Benton, and Matt Radwanski. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Agawam Men's Softball League

"A" DIVISION	W	L
Topper's/Cabin	5	3
Plainfield Scrubbers	5	3

EASTERN DIVISION	W	L
Bobby's Bistro	5	2
BS Braves	3	3
Red Rose/TJ's	3	3
Michael Anthony's	3	3
Dante Club	3	4
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CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L
Abbett Tax Ser.	8	1
E.B's	7	1
Riverdale Lanes	5	2
Moose/Witch Equip.	5	3
Agawam Speed	3	5
Take 5	3	5
Royale Cafe	3	3
Expert Tire	3	5
Bertelli's	2	5
Dante Club	0	9

WESTERN DIVISION	W	L
Michael Anthony's	5	0
Bucc. II	5	1
Bucc. I	5	2
Omni Glow	3	2
La Mirage	3	2
Teddy Bear	2	3
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Desi's	1	5
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Agawam Women's Softball League

Holyoke	4	1
TJ's Sporthouse	3	0
Southworth	3	1
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A crowd of 4,273 was on hand on Saturday, May 25th, as **Brian Schofield** stomped out the competition to win the Sunoco Race Fuels Modified 50. Tom Jensen earned the second-place spot, followed by Chris Kopec, Ted Riggott, and Reggie Ruggiero. Sixth through 10th for the Modifieds were Tony Papale, Richie Gallup, Dan Avery, Dave Gallo, and Tim Deroin.

Following a serious wreck a week earlier, **Barry Gray** came back to Riverside to dominate and win the ACME Auto Supply Pro Stock feature. Tom Carey (the defending champion) had to settle for second, and Tom Fearn, Doug Dell, and Rich Vasseur came in third, fourth, and fifth, respectively. Rounding out the top 10 were John Lobo, Jr., Fran Colson, Jr., Ed Carroll, Bennett Fuller, and Scott Bouley.

Chris Wenzal took the lead in the ACME Late Model race and never gave it up. Following Wenzal to the checker were Todd Owen, John Servers, Glen Griswold, and Chuck Docherty. Sixth through 10th went to Ted Chalmers, Gee Perry, Joe Czarnecki, Skip Brunig, and Rob Valerio.

Rick Leavitt pulled off a big lead to win the Strictly Stocks. Dennis Charette was second over George Colton, Al Leone, and Chris Valerio. Rounding out the top 10 for this division were Tom Garrity, Todd Melvezzi, Jon Waterhouse, Mark Anderson, and Mike Salmond.

In the "Legends" car series, pole sitter **John Tripp** won over Jon Manafort, Bruce Harrison, Joe Bates, Jay Palmer, Mike LeDoux, Bob Vogel, Dave Cassey, and Shawn Buffington.

On Sunday, May 26th, Riverside Speedway drew a standing-room-only crowd that witnessed a count of 300-plus cars in seven divisions of racing. The "real" race divisions provide the set-up for the amateur Figure 8 Enduros.

George Savary blew away the competition in a very strong field. George Sherman was second, followed by Ron Smith, Tom Gavine, and Jay

Doucette. Sixth through 10th went to Dick Dubois, Chris Osella, D.M. Judkins, Mike Woodin, and rookie Sylvia Crunden.

Forty-plus "Legends" cars filled the pits, and **Joe Bates** manhandled his car for an impressive win over John Tripp, David Cassie, Bryon Chew, and Jay Palmer. Rounding out the top 10 for the "Legends" were Bruce Harrison, Joey Scarallo, Fred Card, Jim Jubenville, and Pete Valerio.

Tom Gavine led from the green to the checker in the Mini Stocks. Patrick Lebouthillier was second, followed by Ron Barnes, Jessie Almada, and John Constantini in the third-, fourth-, and fifth-place positions. Sixth through 10th were George Correia, Dan Zawisza, Ron Mayette, Mike Patnode, and Mike Nolan.

Glen Reilly was the dominant car to win the Strictly Stocks. Coming in second through fifth were Keith Miller, Keith Carzello, Todd Melvezzi, and Bill Reiman. Rounding out the top 10 were Scott Ciak, Rick Leavitt, Tom Garrity, Pat Townsend, and Mike Salmond.

Super Stock Champion **Mark LaJole** held off second-place Craig Collins for the victory in this division. Keith DeSantis was third over John Provencher and Scott Garrity, and the sixth- through 10th-place positions were earned by Mike Chaves, Terry Page, Shane Peele, Pete Aiello, and Norm Ashline.

Brian Wittcamp won the half-ton truck series over Dave Capriati, Marty Kowakowski, Nancy Muni, and Wendy Charles.

The police officers raised money for the Jimmy Fund and put on a great show, as **Bill Koss** held off Phil Jenks, Steve Clement, Ray Fahey, and Chris Ray. Meanwhile, the Marathon Enduro was won by **Mike Glantino**.

This Saturday, June 1st, Riverside begins its "Fan Appreciation Month" with four divisions of NASCAR racing. What's more, the Sunday, June 9th Enduro has been moved to Sunday, June 16th (the format will be the same as the May 26th event). Then on Sunday, June 23rd, Riverside will hold a School Bus Demolition.

For further information, call the speedway at (413) 786-9300.

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Perry Lane Summer Camp Schedule

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department Office is located at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St. (right driveway, rear entrance). Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The telephone number is 786-0400, ext. 456.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for Perry Lane Camp and Pre-School Camp is scheduled for Thursday, June 6th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School cafeteria.

Registration for Camp Rainbow and all other summer programs is scheduled for Monday, June 10th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Recreation Department Office. After the initial camp registration dates, registration will be held at the Recreation Department Office, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Registration for all recreation programs is limited and is offered on a first come, first served basis. Registration will not be accepted before the initial registration dates and phone registrations will not be accepted.

All fees are required at the time of registration and are made payable to the Town of Agawam. A parent's or legal guardian's signature is required for all children's programs.

PERRY LANE DAY CAMP

Perry Lane Day Camp is an outdoor day camp for children ages six (or who have completed Kindergarten) to 13 years-old. The camp meets at Perry Lane Park, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (there is no before or after camp care available).

Activities include a wide variety of sports, arts & crafts, daily swim lessons, group games, free play, afternoon free swim, and special events. One field trip per week will be scheduled. Campers will be divided into age appropriate groups. The camp will meet rain or shine unless there is a severe weather situation. If camp needs to be cancelled, notification will be announced on the Recreation Department recording. Limit: 160 campers per session.

Session dates: Session I - July 1st-July 12th (NO CAMP JULY 4th). Session II - July 15th-July 26th. Session III - July 29th-Aug. 9th. Session IV - Aug. 12th-Aug. 23rd.

Fee: \$50 per camper per session.

Participants may register for as many sessions as they wish provided space is available.

CAMP RAINBOW

Camp Rainbow is a seven-week day camp for Agawam children with special needs ages four-21. The camp will meet at Robinson Park School, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Camp activities include a wide variety of sports, arts & crafts, group games, afternoon free swim, and special events. One field trip per week will be scheduled. Campers will be divided into age appropriate groups. Limit: 50 campers.

Session dates: Tuesday, July 2nd-Thursday, August 15th. NO CAMP JULY 4th.

Fee: \$150 per camper.

PRE-SCHOOL CAMP

Pre-School Camp is held at Perry Lane Park for children ages four and five as of July 1, 1996. The camp meets Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Activities include sports, games, arts & crafts, and special events.

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Fee: \$50 per camper per session.

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SWIM LESSONS

The Recreation Department will begin offering the American Red Cross "Learn to Swim" program this summer. This extensive program is designed to develop the fundamental swimming skills for swimmers of all ages.

The progressive format allows swimmers to advance through each level as they accomplish those skills. Lessons will be offered for ages two years nine months through adults on a two-week basis. A complete listing of all lessons offered will be available prior to registration. Please watch for details.

POOL SCHEDULE

Perry Lane Park is staffed and maintained by the Town of Agawam.

Opens: Sunday, June 16, 1996 (weather permitting). Closes: Sunday, August 25, 1996.

Monday-Friday: 12:30-4:00 p.m., Public Swim; 4:00-5:30 p.m., Youth Swim Lessons/Adult Lap Swim; 5:30-6:30 p.m., Aquatic Aerobics/Adult Learn to Swim Lessons; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Public Swim.

(Public Swim will be closed for Piranhas swim team practice Monday-Thursday, July 1st-3rd, July 8th-11th, July 15th-18th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.)

Saturday & Sunday: 12:00-6:00 p.m., Public Swim.

Admission Fees: Seasonal Pool Passes - Senior Citizen (60 yrs. or older), \$20 per person; Adult, \$25 per person; Youth (16 yrs or younger), \$15 per person; Family (three or more children), \$65 per family; Family (one to two children), \$50 per family.

Pool passes will be available for purchase at the Recreation Office beginning June 10th.

Daily Fees: Adults/Children (six years or older), \$1 per person per public swim session; Children (six years or younger), 50 cents per person per public swim session.

The pool schedule is subject to change in the occurrence of extreme weather, special events, or emergencies. Disposable diapers or floatation devices are not allowed in the pool. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

A complete listing of pool rules will be posted at the entrance of the swimming pool.

SHAA Boys' 8-10 Pitching Machine League

	W	L
Blue Jays	6	1
Supersonics	5	2
Red Sox	3	4
Rockies	2	3
Orioles	0	6

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SHAA Girls' 10-13 Softball Standings (Week Of May 21st-24th)

	W	L
Micro-Test (Red)	3	2
T&R Wholesale (Maroon)	5	1
Ideal Contractor (Grey)	4	1
Agawam Police Assoc. (Orange)	0	5
Steven's Travel (Teal)	0	5
Ken's Eyewear (Black)	2	4
John's Trucking (Navy)	5	1

SHAA Girls' 8-10 Softball Standings (Week of May 21st-24th)

	W	L
Universal Plastics (Purple)	4	1
Hastle Fence (Green)	3	0
Ag. Lions Club (Red)	1	3
Westbank (Blue)	1	4
New Horizons (Orange)	2	1
Thomas Locke, Esq. (Yellow)	1	3

S.H.A.A. 1996 10-12 Boys' Standings (As Of 5/27/96)

TEAM	W	L	P
Cornerstone Christian	4	1	8
Book Store Phillies			
Bonavita, Gordon, Danie and Walsh Falcons	4	1	8
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Outdoor Writer

The Weather Plays A Factor!

Last week's wildly varying temperatures gave us a reminder of the winter that would not go away, coupled with a preview of mid-August heat. Mother Nature was kind enough to give us a couple of absolutely ideal spring days as a consolation prize over the weekend.

The Holyoke Water Power annual Shad Derby is taking place with free registration offered at the check station located on the access road to the dam. First prize in the senior division is a fishing boat. Sign up, try your luck and have a good time. The final weekend of the derby is coming up.

With water levels returning to near normal in the Connecticut River, an angler's fancy turns to bass. Both largemouth and smallmouth bass are there for the taking. If you haven't tried fishing for river smallmouth, give it a try. You won't be disappointed.

Now that you have decided to give it a try, you can boost your success with a little common sense information.

In river fishing, structure is just as important as in fishing a lake or pond. Fish relate to structure, and locating the right structure is the key to fishing success. The factor of current in a river gives structure a special significance. Bars, points, wing dams and boulders may form current breaks and serve as ambush points for predatory fish such as bass, pike, walleye and crappies.

When fishing obvious and visible structures such as points and bars, keep in mind that the fish will always be facing the current. Points of land, man-made structures and underwater bars, will change the direction of the current.

Even a relatively small point of land can cause the current to not only change course, but may set up a circular flow in the opposite direction. This is the ideal ambush point for predatory fish and astute fishermen. Remember that the fish will always be facing into the current. Interruptions in the current will cause the fish to orient themselves in the direction of the current flow.

Smaller bait fish may become temporarily disoriented by the sudden change of direction, and give that hungry predator an easy meal. When presenting lures or baits either immediately upstream or downstream of such a current break, watch the direction of the water flow. The fish will face into the current, and not necessarily face upstream.

Don't forget to make multiple presentations at likely looking structures, making sure to cover both the upstream and downstream portions.

On rivers such as the Connecticut River, water releases from upstream dams can have a profound effect on more than just the water level. Fish holding patterns that work during the week, may be useless on the weekend, when power demand is lowest. Power companies often allow water to accumulate above the dam on weekends, to provide ample generating capacity for industrial use during the week, when demand is heaviest.

Those portions of a river system that lie below the first upstream dam, are influenced by tide changes. In rivers like the Hudson, in New York, tide changes have a dramatic effect as far north as the dam just below Albany! The river may com-

pletely change the direction of its flow, and the tidal influence will change everything.

Just remember some of the basic keys to fishing current and apply common sense to the situations you encounter. Increased success is yours for the taking.

FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Connecticut River - Holyoke to Enfield - Shad are the hot item for the next couple of weeks. Holyoke Water Power Co. Shad Derby winds up this weekend. Registration Sat. & Sun. is free. Register and weigh in fish at the special station on the access road. You must register before fishing.

Connecticut River - Enfield and south. Shad are still being taken in the Connecticut River and its tributaries. Stripped bass are in the river and feeding on blueback herring. The Enfield Dam is giving up some stripers and the area between the dam and the Rt. 140 bridge is also reported to be producing. Freshly caught live herring is the most often reported bait. Artificials include Rebels, Gag's Mambo Minnows and salt water sized Slugs.

Saunders Marina at Congamond Lakes reports that some nice largemouth are hitting plastic lizards fished Carolina style, with medium weight

rigs. Shallow structure is accounting for some heavyweights. Trout action is still available, for those anglers who know how to fish deeper. Downrigger fishermen and lead core trollers are doing ok during the feeding periods.

Hampden Ponds continue to give up a mixed bag of warm water species, along with stocked trout.

Lake Ontario fishing has produced some fine trophy browns and the usual mix of lakies and salmon. Once the thermal bars set up and stabilize, locating fish should become easier.

SALT WATER

Long Island Sound to Point Judith Rhode Island resounds with rumors of some cow bass being taken at night by surf fishermen. Schoolie bass are showing up everywhere and a few large fish are mixed in with them. Danny plugs and Gag's Mambo Minnows are reported to be HOT. The chunk and dunk crowd seems to be doing just fine on herring and bunker chunks. Boat fishermen are reporting success fishing the usual rips.

Offshore party boats are reporting mostly successful cod trips. Several of the party boat fleets are offering two- and three-day distant water marathon trips. If this type of fishing is your cup of tea, check into some of these multiple-day bargains.



Golf Tip Of The Week...

Compiled by
Jim Modzelesky,
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Oak Ridge Golf Club,
Feeding Hills, MA

"Paint The Ball"

Here's a tip to help you get a better feel for the golf swing.

Imagine you are going to paint a wall with a big paint brush. You wouldn't paint *at* the wall; you'd brush the paint along the wall with a broad, smooth stroke from side to side. Well, the golf swing is the same idea.

To prove it, pretend you have a brush in your hand and you're painting the ball—back and forth, back and forth, with your weight moving left to right and back to the left. Now simply lower the plane you're brushing along, until the brush is passing over where the ball would be.

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Elizabeth Stieg Helps AAU Basketball Team To Third Place Finish

Elizabeth Stieg of Agawam, a player on the 12-and-Under Western Mass. AAU Girls' Basketball Team, helped the Cheetahs finish third in the Mass. AAU State Tournament held in Rochester, MA, May 11, 1996.

In the double elimination tournament, the Cheetahs lost in a very close game to the number one seeded Baystate Magic "A's."

Coached by Jill Moscick, the Cheetahs have an overall record 9-3 between two tournaments played this season.

Elizabeth's teammates from all over Western Mass. are Megan Ladley, Pittsfield; Kiley Lapointe, Chicopee; Erin Canon, Easthampton; Kim Holland and Elizabeth Ryan, Springfield; Francesca Vanin, Jennifer Colbert, Kaitlyn Stowsz, and Michelle Graziadei, Amherst; Cheri Murphy, Wilbraham; and Colleen Hession of Northampton.

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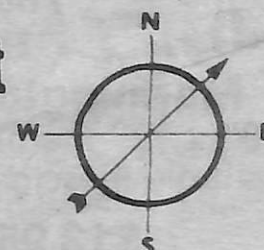
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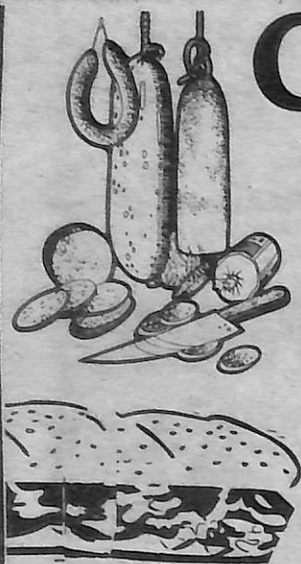
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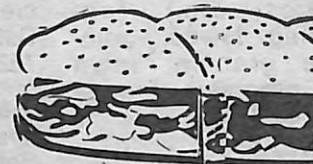


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